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## Yanks Shatter Reich Frontier; Reds Push on; Mac Near Goal

WASHINGTON.—The last bend of the German bulge was ironed out this week as Yanks of the 1st and 3rd Armies with the 9th Air Force delivered a staggering blow to the last Nazi defenders.

St. Vith, the last major bastion held by the Germans, and the point where they began their disastrous thrust in mid-December, fell to units of the 1st Army after an all-day fight on Tuesday. Other units made gains of five miles on a 30-mile front, reaching within four miles of the Reich frontier.

In an aerial slaughter not previously equalled fighter-bombers of the 9th Air Force, joined by Invader and Havoc bombers, ripped

the retreating Germans columns to pieces, destroying nearly 3000 motor vehicles and tanks. Other air units ranged behind the German lines smashing up communications and supply lines, and destroyed 1000 railroad cars in their sweeps.

One section of Patton's 3rd Army raced ahead for five miles on a 20-mile front in the Luxembourg region of the former salient. Another unit broke across the Sure river north of Luxembourg, threatening the German border at a point eight miles west of Tier.

The British 2nd Army cut off a panhandle in the line north of Aachen, closing in on the Roer river line some 38 miles west of Dusseldorf.

### Reds Crash Through

The Russians continue triumphantly in "the war's mightiest offensive," crashing through and over everything the Germans can offer in the way of resistance.

One Red army, in a 38-mile dash across Western Poland, has advanced to the vicinity of Posen, and are now within some 130 miles of Berlin. The East Prussian bases of Insterburg, Allenstein, Osterode and Deutsch-Eylau, with a network of railroad supply lines, fell in quick succession in the drive.

Another Soviet force has sliced to

within 35 miles of the Baltic port of Eibing in East Prussia, and is forging one of the greatest encirclements of military history around some 30 Nazi divisions. The two army prongs are now only some 20 miles apart.

### 10 Miles from Bologna

In Italy the German force has been reinforced till it is now reported to comprise 28 divisions, its greatest strength since last Spring. Bitter weather has hampered any major activities. However, Allied forces have penetrated to within 10 miles of Bologna in the vicinity of Livergrano.

In Luzon MacArthur's triumph (See "Shatter Reich," page 15)

## Name Lear as Deputy Chief Yanks in ETO

PARIS.—General Eisenhower on Wednesday announced appointment of Lt. Gen. Ben Lear as Deputy Commander of American forces in the European Theater to direct the conservation and utilization of manpower, including morale and welfare aspects.

General Lear has been AGF commander since last summer, having succeeded Lt. Gen. Leslie McNair, killed in France while witnessing an aerial bombardment.

In Washington, announcement was made Thursday of appointment of General Joseph Stilwell, former C-B-I commander, as commander of Army Ground Forces.

## Charcoal - Broiled Canned Hamburger New Field Ration

CHICAGO.—The Army has cooked up "something for the boys" in the form of a canned hamburger that can be eaten in the field hot or cold.

Packed two to a can, with salt and pepper added and a charcoal-broiled flavor, the hamburgers are best when heated, but can be eaten cold.

Brig. Gen. J. E. Barzynski, commanding officer of the Chicago Quartermaster Depot, said the hamburgers would be packed in the Army field ration "10-in-1," a 45-pound package supplying enough food for 10 soldiers for one day.

## Army Casualties Now Total 616,951

WASHINGTON.—Army casualties in all theaters through Jan. 14 were 616,951, Secretary of War Stimson announced Thursday. The list included:

Killed	117,256
Wounded	356,815
Missing	85,450
Prisoners	57,432

These figures include some but not all of the 40,000 casualties previously announced for the Ardennes battle.

Copies of Army Times are made available to all Army hospitals through the American Red Cross.



—Signal Corps Photo

REVERENTLY, this U. S. soldier pauses at the grave of an American killed in action when the Mars Task Force met the enemy at Tonkwa, Burma. The plot, in the shadow of a Burmese temple, has been cleared by native workers for the cemetery, and it will be fenced and landscaped.

## Full Employment Bill Provides Base for New National Economy

WASHINGTON.—The base for a new national domestic economy which would provide full employment for all Americans through co-operation of government and private enterprise was laid in Congress this week in legislation sponsored by four Democratic senators close to the Roosevelt administration.

The sweeping "full employment" bill would establish the right to a job as a federal policy and envisions a national "production and employment" budget to augment any deficit in jobs available through private enterprise.

The bill was introduced by Sen. James E. Murray of Montana. Co-

sponsors are Senators Robert F. Wagner of New York, Elbert Thomas of Utah and Joseph C. O'Mahoney of Wyoming.

As written, the full employment bill contemplates the cooperation of industry, agriculture, labor and state and local governments with the federal government in fostering free competitive enterprise for full utilization of the nation's resources, but sets up a potential new New Deal whereby vast public works projects could be carried out.

### Full Employment

The bill specifies that if full employment cannot be otherwise achieved, it is the responsibility of the federal government "to provide such volume of federal investment and expenditure as may be needed" to provide the necessary number of jobs.

To set the machinery in motion, the President each year would transmit to Congress a "national production and employment budget" which would show not only the contemplated regular expenditures of the federal government but also the estimated expenditures of business, consumers and state and local governments.

If the total estimated outgo was less than that adjudged necessary

for full employment the President would transmit to Congress a general program for federal expenditures sufficient to bring the level up to the required volume of production.

### Stimulate Spending

"Such program shall be designed to contribute to the national well-being, and to stimulate additional nonfederal investment and expenditures," the bill sets forth. "Any of such programs calling for the construction of public works by the federal government shall provide for the performance of the necessary construction work by private concerns, under contracts awarded in accordance with applicable laws, (See "To Assure Jobs," page 15)

## All-Same Papoose!

CHICAGO.—Pvt. William Williams, en route to his home at Hudson, N. Y., demonstrated here that he did not have to worry about the shortage of railroad station porters, of losing his baggage or running after his 3-year-old son. He carried his youngster in his barracks bag, papoose fashion, and the boy hugely enjoyed his ingenious dad's idea.

## House Nears Decision on Work-or-Jail Bill

WASHINGTON.—Members of Congress, high Army and Navy officials and officials of organized labor and industry were embroiled this week in a bitter controversy over the need or lack of need for compulsory work legislation, as the House Military Affairs Committee completed draft of a "work-or-jail" bill.

The committee completed its work on the bill Thursday, after writing in provisions to attract farm bloc support and to eliminate hardship cases for men 18 to 45 who could be directed by their draft boards to move from nonessential war plants.

Foredoomed to bitter debate and a close vote on the House floor next week, the May-Bailey "work-or-jail" bill was reported out almost simultaneously with charges of two members of the Senate War Investigating Committee that man-

power already available in war plants is being wasted. These charges fed new ammunition to the opponents of the bill.

The Senate committee described conditions of enforced loafing and hoarded labor, which allegedly was found at the Norfolk Navy Yard, where a demand has been made for 4400 additional workers. Since then members of the committee report being flooded with telephone calls from both the Washington and Boston Navy Yards, asserting that similar conditions existed there.

Authors of the "work-or-jail" bill were hopeful that Gen. George C. Marshall, Army chief-of-staff, and Admiral of the Fleet Ernest J. King would publicly endorse it before debate ends on the House floor next week.

Reversing an earlier decision in (See "Work-Jail," page 15)

## Predicts Vet President in '48 Election

NEW YORK.—The next President of the United States will be a veteran of either World War 1 or World War 2, Edward N. Scheiberling, national commander of the American Legion, predicted in an address before the New York State Publishers Association this week.

"The American Legion," through proper leadership, could be the balance of power in politics," Scheiberling told the publishers in digressing from a prepared speech on compulsory military training and world peace.

The Legion commander said that the influence of the Legion would be augmented by veterans of World War 2 and through "a block of 40,000,000 to 50,000,000 votes, counting relatives and friends," can be a powerful factor in the 1948 election.

Scheiberling said that although the charter of the Legion prohibits active support of any candidate or party "nothing in the charter prevents us from working to defeat a candidate."

## Yank Troop Ship Sunk; 765 Lost

WASHINGTON.—Secretary of Stimson announced Thursday that an American troopship, carrying 2000 American soldiers, was sunk recently in European waters by enemy action, with 248 killed and 517 missing. More than 1400 were saved.



# Nazi 'Indians' Scalped in Combat

WITH THE 79TH DIVISION OF THE 7TH ARMY, in France and Germany.—When his small patrol was intercepted and forced to take cover in a German farmhouse on a recent midnight, Lt. Morris W. Goodwin, of Company "F," 315th Infantry Regiment, decided to "hit 'em with anything and everything," and thereby precipitated—and ended—one of this war's most unique close-combat engagements.

The dynamic, mustachioed Floridian deployed his men on both floors of the house and selected a position for himself just outside the cellar door. Within convenient reach was an arsenal that included a "burp gun" (German machine pistol) and some heinie grenades (fruits of patrol activity earlier in the evening), an M-1 rifle, some GI grenades, a carbine, and a "grease gun" (American machine pistol).

The kraut attack was reminiscent of Indian warfare in covered-wagon days: From frontal attack formation the squareheads encircled the building—and kept on circling, blanketing the house with small-arms fire and yelling like Seminoles the while. One boche in particular drew Goodwin's attention. This energetic seemed bent on doing the 100 in 10 flat, and each time he passed Goodwin's station he'd yell some insulting sentiment, the gist of which—in doubtful English—demanded surrender.

Each time the pest galloped by, Goodwin opened up with one or more of his several weapons. Each time the boche, surprisingly, answered more or less in kind. On one occasion Goodwin let fly with the burp gun. The jerry answered with what was unmistakably a BAR (Browning automatic rifle). Goodwin's men, meanwhile, ran

from window to window, pouring a steady stream of M-1 and carbine fire into the circling attackers. Finally the Floridian decided that enough was too much. After the boche's umpteenth circle he picked up an American grenade, pulled the pin, and flipped it into the darkness. Then, he stepped inside the cellar

door and closed it—just as a potato masher erupted at his former station. Seconds later, his own grenade exploded, and the heckler was heard no more. The attack died almost immediately and the jerries melted into the night. Goodwin's patrol, none the worse for wear, continued on its mission.

## UP FRONT WITH MAULDIN



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## Army Nurses are Saints Clare Boothe Luce Says

WASHINGTON.—Army nurses are not only soldiers... but saints, Mrs. Clare Boothe Luce, Connecticut Congresswoman, said in an interview with Sgt. Nancy Grant, WAC, of Riverside, Ill., during Mrs. Luce's recent visit to the Italian front, the War Department discloses.

"Nurses are not only soldiers—

but nurses and saints," Mrs. Luce said. "I wish you might have visited as many hospitals as I have here, and in other war theaters, and talked with as many GIs and doctors about our Army nurses. When the hospitals are full—as they were in the days of Salerno and Anzio—with battle casualties, they sometimes work and operate for several days without sleep. They are often right under the guns, and heaven knows they see—even as the GI himself doesn't see—the end horror of war—the terribly wounded or mutilated man."

"The front line nurse is in a niche all by herself in this war. To their patience and care and fortitude, and courage, are largely due the fact that of all the gripes the soldier has about this war, the one gripe he hasn't is about the magnificent care he gets when he is wounded."

## Sunny Side Up

WITH THE 5TH ARMY, Italy. M/Sgt. Otto Leipfert, of Hazleton, Pa., was uncratering eggs preparatory to cooking breakfast for a company of the 135th Regiment, 34th "Red Bull" Infantry Division, on the 5th Army front in Italy recently.

When he found an egg with the name "Miss Donna Mae Anderson, Benson, Minn.," penciled on it, Leipfert recalled that this was the hometown of W/O Vernon P. Forbord.

"Do you know Miss Anderson?" inquired Leipfert.

"I sure do," replied Forbord. "Then I'll fry it for you, extra special," Leipfert said.

## Yanks' 'Secret' Weapons Work About Like Hitler's

PARIS.—Speaking of Hitler's "secret weapons," he has nothing on the American GI.

For instance, a young sergeant who got tired typing complicated Army forms, got an idea. "My new ray machine," he asserts, "will lick the enemy by screwing up their red tape. It can be carried and operated by one man or dropped by parachute behind the lines near German headquarters. When the operator turns on the beam the machine melts paper clips on the enemy's documents within a 30-mile radius, thus causing the files to be hopelessly mixed; it melts typewriter ribbons and hardens mimeograph ink. The Germans

couldn't type out orders and requisitions so nobody would be able to move in any direction."

An idea to save the time lost flight by lazy carrier pigeons came to Capt. John Sensenay, of St. Louis, Mo. So he invented a curved metal tube, one side of which is fastened to the pigeon's beak, the other end coming out beneath the tail feathers. "As he flies along," Capt. Sensenay explains, "the cold wind whipping through the tube gets his tail cold and steps on the gas to warm up. The faster he flies the colder his tail gets—and the colder his legs get the faster he flies."

## ETO Signal Corps Strings 2200 Miles of Wire Daily

HEADQUARTERS, European Theater of Operations.—Signal Corps and other communications troops on the Western European front strung 330,000 miles of wire in the first five months after D-Day and now are using approximately

2200 miles of wire daily.

The present communication work, which has utilized more than 200,000 tons of communication equipment, serves 140 principal headquarters. One headquarters has 2100 local telephones and handles 30,000 calls daily. Through principal switching centers, more than 700 points can be reached. More than 100 headquarters had teletypewriter links.

Unprecedented demand for wire in France and in other areas, arising from high combat and operational expenditure rates, has compelled the War Department to appeal the American industry and labor for increased production.

In one area Signal Corps facilities already are two and one-half times as effective as those in use after four years of occupation.

## Private Shows General Marshall Good Shooting

FORT MCLELLAN, Ala.—It's not every day that a private gets a chance to show Gen. George C. Marshall, Army chief-of-staff, how good he is, but Pvt. Armand Gilbert is one of those naturally lucky fellows.

Private Gilbert had never fired a rifle grenade, but he was ordered out to test his skill by firing at a moving tank target. As his buddies began their practice shots a four-star general came along and borrowed Private Gilbert's gun to examine the sighting device. When he handed it back Private Gilbert took one shot—and hit the tank dead center.

The four-star general—General Marshall—had the sharpshooting private report to him and learned that Gilbert got his training shooting partridges before entering the Army.

## Private Becomes 2nd Lieutenant in Five Months

WITH THE 5TH ARMY, Italy.—Assigned to his company as a private five months ago, Russell E. Scott, of Vanceburg, Ky., was promoted rapidly to sergeant, staff sergeant and technical sergeant and then received a combat commission as second lieutenant.

Scott is now a platoon leader in the 361st Regiment, 91st "Powder River" Division on the 5th Army front in northern Italy.

He entered the Army one year ago at Fort Benjamin Harrison, Ind.

## FBI Says Many Wear Uniforms Illegally

WASHINGTON.—Convictions for illegal wearing of uniforms of the armed forces during the latter half of 1944 were 155 per cent above the corresponding periods of the three previous years, said J. Edgar Hoover, FBI director.

"Best way to detect fakers is to ask for credentials," said Hoover. "Refusal should immediately be reported to the FBI or other law enforcement agency."

## Different Spelling

CAMP ELLIS, Ill.—It's been Hittler against Hitler ever since S/Sgt. Ed Hittler, of St. Louis, arrived at Camp Ellis, an Army Service Forces Training Center.

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## Senators to Investigate Roosevelt Dog Priority

WASHINGTON.—A solution to a strange mystery of who gave "A" travel priority to Blaise, English bull mastiff of Col. Elliot Roosevelt, will be sought by a Senate subcommittee of the Military Affairs Committee. The Senate group voted this week to have its subcommittee inquire into practices and reported abuses which have grown from air travel priority rating systems as a direct result of the recent "bumping" of servicemen from a transcontinental plane which also carried Roosevelt's new wife, actress Faye

Emerson.

"No member of the Roosevelt clan, including Col. Elliot Roosevelt, his actress wife, the commander-in-chief, Mrs. Eleanor Roosevelt, or anyone in the War Department will admit knowing how the dog got a top 'A' priority travel rating when battle-weary soldiers on limited and emergency leave could not," Sen. Styles Bridges (R., N. H.) told his committee colleagues in asking for an investigation.

The three servicemen who were removed from the plane while the dog was carried on had only "C" priorities although one was en route home to attend his father's funeral while another was speeding to the bedside of an ill wife.

The Roosevelt dog was carried to its destination and later delivered to Miss Emerson in Hollywood in an Army truck "chaperoned by an Army major in uniform."

The action of the Military Affairs Committee in voting an inquiry was reported to have been unanimous.

## Dunlop Tells Why Rotation System Can't Be Enlarged

WASHINGTON.—For every soldier returned to United States on leave in excess of 30,000 a principle, the Army loses the use of four to seven others.

and this fact was disclosed by Brig. Gen. Robert H. Dunlop, acting Adjutant General, in a letter to Representative Horan, of Washington, who had inquired about the prospects for the return of the 161st Central Postal Directory, which has been in service since December, 1940. General Dunlop wrote frankly: "The simply lack qualified replacement for our units, at least until Germany is defeated." He said the Army's over-increased in the United States were "predominantly manned" by over-35 veterans, men over 35, limited in service men or Wacs, and that few could be used for rotation. Still he added that the number of men being returned for temporary duty rotation was expected to increase markedly in the next few months.

## Award to Maj. Lee

WITH THE 82nd AIRBORNE DIVISION IN FRANCE.—Maj. C. H. Lee, Jr., son of Lt. Gen. C. H. Lee, Commanding General of Communications Zone, has received the Oak Leaf to the Silver Star for gallantry in action.

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## Strong for Bonds

CAMP POLK, La.—New record for war bond purchases was established in the last drive, sales totaling \$190,843.75. On pay reservation, 98.6 are participating for a 14.1 per cent deduction.

## 'Ali Baba' Relieved of 'Thief Command'

PARIS.—The man whom GIs in the know commonly referred to as "Ali Baba" because his outfit included the "Millionaire Thieves," who cleaned-up in the black market, has been relieved of his command.

Col. Walter J. Marlin, of Los Angeles, whose 716th Railway Battalion became generally known as "Colonel Marlin's 800 Thieves," was "knocked off" simultaneously with announcement of the arrest of four additional officers involved in the sale of rations and other supplies, including the millions of cigarettes which were hijacked from the Army and dumped on the black market at gangster prices.

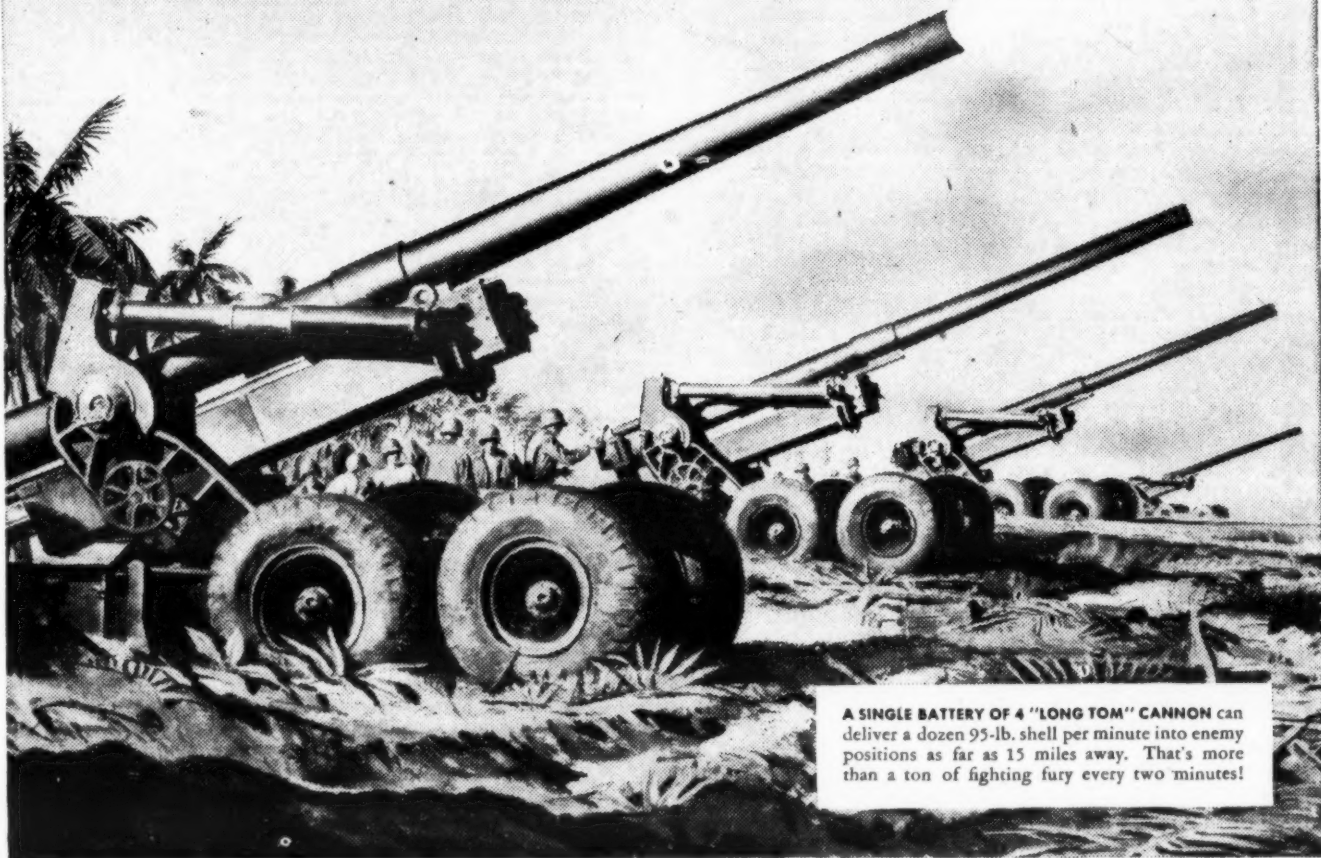
In the announcement that Colonel Marlin had been relieved it also was stated he would not be brought to trial. However, the four officers just arrested and the two officers previously held, are up before court martial today. One, a first lieu-

tenant, is bluntly charged with "stealing rations and participating in illicit money transactions," while the other officers are charged with "negligence of duty."

Under arrest awaiting trial are 177 enlisted men accused of offenses similar to those of six enlisted men who this week were given sentences ranging from 15 to 35 years in prison and dishonorable discharge. These men had been specifically accused of stealing 1000 packages of cigarettes, 100 pounds of coffee, 124 cans of milk and 10 cans of bacon.

Arrest of officers followed two weeks of trial during which accused enlisted men charged that their officers condoned, and even encouraged, theft of rations and cigarettes. Immediately, General Eisenhower issued a special order directing that those guilty of black market operations and theft of Army supplies be made "to pay for any negligence of duty."

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### The Decisive Hour

It must be extremely difficult to sleep in Moscow today. With the great Russian Armies rolling toward Berlin at a 30-mile-a-day clip, the victory guns must be booming monotonously.

For the citizens of the Allied nations the cannon roar is music. For the citizens of Russia, it is the sweetest music they have ever heard.

Three years ago Moscow was a part of a battle-front as German armies beat at its gates. Today Berlin, from which the German armies marched to conquer the world, is under increasing tension, as the war returns to its starting point.

While the citizens of Moscow sing and cheer, the Nazis of Berlin rally to the demand for persons to man the barricades of the Reich. Those who don't rally incur the displeasure of Gangman Himmler.

Both capitals agree that the war is entering the "decisive hour." That "hour" may stretch into days or weeks, but as the Russians roll onward unchecked it is evident that the Germans must organize a defense line soon, or they will never be able to organize at all.

### Bucking for Brass!

Americans don't like special privileges. When three servicemen were bumped from an Army cargo plane because they had lower priorities than a dog belonging to Col. Elliott Roosevelt the reaction was instantaneous and healthy.

This popular disapproval will do little good if merely directed at the Roosevelt family. Colonel Roosevelt wasn't the only one who erred in this case. Somewhere along the line an officer, or officers, decided it was smart to play ball with the President's son.

Any soldier can guess what happened. The officer, who delivered the dog in an Army truck, was playing the time-honored game of "bucking for brass." Others along the route weren't taking any chances of getting chewed.

This attitude is not uncommon in the armed forces. Any soldier who wants to get along has an idea that it is a lot healthier to have trouble in the ranks below than get in a jam with those above. The unfortunate part of the whole philosophy is that in an Army of 8,000,000 men one is liable to confuse bootlicking with proper respect for rank.

### Work-or-Jail Bill

The "work-or-jail" bill faces a bitter fight in Congress. Opposed by farm, labor and industrial pressure groups, the bill goes to the floor supported principally by military and administration leaders.

Labor unions contend that the labor has been mishandled throughout the war. If given a freer rein in distributing its members, union leaders contend there would be no shortages. Business and industry are in apparent agreement with labor's stand. The farmers are frightened by the prospect of losing any more help, and are against anything which will make their 1945 crop production more difficult.

The "work-or-jail" bill has lost most of the punch of the original "work-or-fight" bill. Its teeth have been pulled. Civil penalties have been substituted for labor battalions, and numerous exceptions have been made.

The chances of its survival, even in its weaker form, are largely dependent upon how strong General Marshall and Admiral King stated their cases.

### A Veteran President

The next President of the United States may be a veteran of World War I or World War II. Many people have had this idea, but American Legion Commander Scheiberling is the first to voice it in public.

Commander Scheiberling points out that "a block of 40,000,000 to 50,000,000 votes, counting relatives and friends," can be a powerful factor in an election. His remarks can go into the department of understatements.

### Going Places!



### At Your Service

**Q. Under what conditions may a boy under 18 enlist in any branch of service in the Army, with parents' consent? Must the boy be under 18 or under 17½?**

**A.** No one under 18 may enlist in the Army now. Boys between 17 and 18 may, with their parents' consent, enlist in the Enlisted Reserve Corps; upon reaching the age of 18 they would then become eligible for active duty.

**Q. Is it possible for the wife of a veteran to make purchases at any Army Commissary?**

**A.** No, not unless the man is a retired Army officer or enlisted man. If he is a veteran by discharge his wife does not have commissary privileges.

**Q. What is an "M. A. A. Discharge" from the Army of the U.S.?**

**A.** There is no such official designation of a discharge. These letters might possibly be an informal abbreviation for "Military Academy Appointment," for which discharges are given.

**Q. What are the required qualifications, age limit, physical and mental, for volunteering for service in the Paratroops? D. E. V.**

**A.** Physical, blood pressure must be low; vision must be 20/40 or better in both eyes, without correction; weight, not more than 185 pounds; height, not more than six feet. Must be cool, daring, alert, aggressive and possess great endurance. Must be between ages 18 and 32.

**Q. Experienced men have been and are being released or given furloughs to go back to their jobs manufacturing heavy duty truck tires. I am 29 years old and in the Infantry here in the States. I have approximately seven years' experience in this line. The company where I was formerly employed has requested that I be released to return to my job to help relieve the skilled labor shortage. I have not heard any results on the request that the company made. The request was made about seven weeks ago. I would like to know if I am eligible for this furlough or release. If so, is there any procedure I can go through to obtain it? Pvt. J. X. H.**

**A.** All requests for release from active duty should be made by the enlisted man to his commanding officer and should be accompanied by the letter from the company requesting the man's release. The military authorities must approve

the release, or discharge. Those men given furloughs to aid in critical manpower areas are chosen by the Army provided they have had experience. Your commanding officer should be able to assist you in this respect.

**Q. Why is it the Army has discharged class D men who haven't served overseas and continues to hold onto men in the same class who have served overseas? This is not a fair deal and not according to the point system the Army was supposed to follow. Pfc. J. T.**

**A.** The point system for partial demobilization is not in effect and will not take effect until the defeat of Germany. Only the four factors to be considered have as yet been announced, i.e., total length of service, overseas service, combat decorations and parent-hood. The point values to be applied to these four factors, which will give the total "point score," are still under study and will not be announced until after the defeat of Germany.

**Q. I have received a card from the Office of Dependency Benefits saying that I will receive an allowance as a dependent of my son who is in the service. How much will I get? Mrs. G. M.**

**A.** You will receive \$50 a month if you are a Class B-1 dependent of your son, that is if you are dependent upon him for your chief support. You will receive \$37 a month if you are a Class B dependent on your son for a substantial part of your support, but not for chief support.

**Q. Are any types of payments made to veterans subject to taxation? Can a creditor levy or attach such payments? R. L.**

**A.** No. Benefit payments are not assignable; they are exempt from taxation or claims of creditors and they are not subject to attachment or levy.

## Letters

Gentlemen:

In your sports section on Jan. you made a horrible mistake when you said the University of Arkansas "Razorbacks" had been licked by Kentucky. It was Arkansas State, not Arkansas U, that played Kentucky.

I wish the "Razorbacks" would play Kentucky. The score would be damned close.

By me correcting you on this I can guess I'm from Arkansas, proud of it.

Anyone is liable to make an error but a hell of a lot of guys read ARMY TIMES and we want the readers to have the straight dope.

I'll bet this is not the only letter you'll receive from loyal "Razorback" fans.

Pfc. T. M. Mooney  
Camp Sibert, Ala.

Gentlemen:

To the thousands of loyal "Razorback" followers throughout the world who read ARMY TIMES there must have come a sense of bewilderment at the inconsistency of Arkansas U. cagers losing Kentucky U. by 75-6 in view of Arkansas U's recent lopsided triumphs over Baylor. We feel readers of ARMY TIMES should be apprised of the real facts—that was Arkansas State which lost to Kentucky. We seriously question the ability of Kentucky to beat Arkansas U. by even one point.

Best wishes for continued success of your fine paper.

Sgt. Joe Finley,  
Gunter Field, Ala.

Gentlemen:

Being a former "Razorback," I regretted the mistake of ARMY TIMES in saying Arkansas U. beaten 75-6 by Kentucky. It was Kentucky State, a small school about 400 students, who took the licking.

Lt. Thurston S. Kirk,  
Fitzsimmons Gen. Hosp.,  
Denver, Colo.

Gentlemen:

I'll bet you became confused when you said the Arkansas "Razorbacks" were trounced by Kentucky, 75-6. You meant you Arkansas State.

Arkansas University has a great basketball team, and for every thing Kentucky beats them 75-6 I'll bet KP a month.

Sgt. James E. McCall,  
Columbus Field, Miss.

Gentlemen:

The "Indians" of Arkansas State are just returning to basketball and they're the ones who lost to Kentucky, 75-6. The "Razorbacks" Arkansas U. have not played the Kentucky "Wildcats" and we are from Arkansas seriously doubt if they'd prove superior should they clash with our "Razorbacks."

Pvt. John W. Nunnally,  
Chanute Field, Ill.

(Sports Ed's face is mightily red. Apologies to the "Razorbacks.")

Gentlemen:

The punch lines on the Sgt. Mauldin and Pfc. Chas. Cartwright cartoons in the January 13 issue of ARMY TIMES were a little confusing. When the proper lines were read with the proper cartoons they were both very funny.

Sgt. E. J. K.,  
Fort Bragg, N. C.

(You can say that again, Sergeant. Ed.)

Gentlemen:

I agree with the complaint of Pfc. from Fort Riley, Kan., ARMY TIMES of Jan. 6. I agree with him 100 per cent because I'm in the same boat he's in. Return from overseas because of physical defect, I've tried for a decent assignment or discharge so I could do worthwhile war work, but I kept as orderly.

Pvt. "I'm Ashamed to Say"



## Wacs Trained to Be Chaplain Assistants

SAN ANTONIO, Tex. — For the first time in the history of the school, 28 members of the Women's Army Corps attended the Army Air Forces Chaplains Transition Course conducted at the San Antonio Aviation Cadet Center. These Wacs, all chaplain's assistants at Air Forces installations, completed their two weeks of specialized training on Jan. 16. Two days later, 30 more Wacs arrived to attend a similar course.

In the first class were former social workers, housewives, beauticians, teachers, machine operators, office workers and musicians.

The program, designed to increase their value to the service and make them more efficient in their work as assistants to AAF chaplains, was enthusiastically followed by the Wac chaplain's assistants.

"It is evident from the attention given the instructors that Wacs are taking their duties as chaplain's assistants in a most serious manner and that they are motivated by desire to render a religious service in accepting appointment as assistants to Air Force chaplains," declared Chaplain (Lt. Col.) Glenn J. Witherspoon, director of the course.

Every member of the class, which also includes enlisted men, has had experience as a chaplain's assistant, and during the 14 days of compact study, they receive training in AAF organization, war orientation, military correspondence and filing, choir direction and organization, grave registration, auto operation, practical office procedure and physical fitness.

The Army chaplain's assistant acts as secretary, file clerk and re-

ceptionist. She keeps records of service attendance, soldier marriages, visits to hospitals and confinement areas, for the chaplain; prepares the weekly schedule of services and chapel activities under his guidance; and prepares the necessary publicity for the services. Most assistants are also musicians, and are in charge of the choir and play the organ during services.

In the school here a choir is organized during each session in order to furnish the students with training in methods of such organization and with the direction of choirs on their own posts.

## Lew Ayres Has Roving Job as Hospital Aide

WITH THE 96TH DIVISION IN THE PHILIPPINES.—As a child, Lew Ayres, former Hollywood movie actor, played in joint piano recitals with Samuel L. Scheiner, of Minneapolis. On Christmas Day half way around the world the two met and paired up once again to give a concert for patients of an Army hospital on Leyte.

Lew Ayres, who gave up staff sergeant stripes in the Medical Corps for a private's rating as a chaplain's assistant is now a technical sergeant with a roving assignment in the hospital to take care of anybody ailing spiritually as well as physically.

—Signal Corps Photo

THOUSAND DIMITES were contributed in the first 10 days of drive for the National Foundation for Infantile Paralysis by gnees at the Army Ground and Service Forces Redistribution at Asheville, N. C. One soldier stated the case of all when said: "Even though we are soldiers and have been overseas fighting the war, we are still a part of the home front."

## VFW Wants Home Furloughs Guaranteed Combat Weary

WASHINGTON.—Rotation and of military personnel to guarantee home furloughs to those who served 18 months or more was demanded this week by Veterans of Foreign Wars part of a broad legislative proposition submitted to Congress for its consideration.

Action of the VFW follows upon the heels of an appeal Congress last week by Rep. Clare Luce (R.), of Connecticut, action by the War Department believe combat soldiers after a tour of duty on the battle-

fronts.

Jean A. Brunner, national commander of the VFW, made the demand at a meeting called here by Rep. John Rankin (D.), of Mississippi, chairman of the World War Veterans Committee, which soon is to begin consideration of a legislative program for veterans of all wars.

Brunner said that his organization represented a membership of nearly a million veterans.

## Soldier Mans Gun--in the Nude

WITH THE 5TH INFANTRY DIVISION IN FRANCE.—Pfc. Robert A. Anfinson, of Milaca, Minn., had to seek refuge in a water-filled foxhole when his tank brigade company area was shelled by artillery. Taking advantage of a lull in the enemy's bombardment, Anfinson

doffed his GI clothing and settled back for it to dry. Then his tank received orders to retaliate against the enemy, and, since Anfinson was a gunner, clothes or not, he leaped out of the foxhole and into his position at the tank's gun, unmindful of his nudity.

After "cease firing," Anfinson returned to find his clothes dry, put them on, and waited for the next order.

## She's Real Patriot

CAMP STEWART, Ga.—Cpl. Jennie Carr, mess sergeant of WAC Det. No. 1, is three times a patriot because—she enlisted in the WACs; she lost her husband, a sailor, in a naval action against the enemy, and she used the entire \$600 of his death gratuity to buy war bonds.



## PIN-UP GIRL OF THE YEAR

We didn't have to take any poll among you G. I.'s to discover the all-out Pin-Up Girl of 1944. She is Miss Liberty, of Bedloe Island, New York Harbor!

Sometimes we Americans forget how much she means to every one of us in our everyday lives, but

in the years since Pearl Harbor we haven't forgotten—not for a minute!

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Bill—the bus driver



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"Jeep, you put too much alcohol in my radiator again!"

Besides, anybody knows that the best anti-freeze is a Hart Schaffner & Marx overcoat.

The adventures of Pvt. Jonathan Jeep appear regularly in this space. Watch for this feature!





OLD GLORY flies majestically. Somewhere in Germany, as an award ceremony is held by the officers and men of the 744th Light Tank Battalion. Here, group listens to an address by Lt. Col. Richard J. Hunt, of Bethesda, Md., commanding officer of the 744th.

## Army Honors French Heroine for Saving 6 Wounded Airmen

MONTAIGU, MANCHE, France. —An aged Frenchwoman who endangered her life by hiding wounded Americans in her house while German troops swarmed the district, was recently presented with an engraved gold watch by Maj. Gen. Henry S. Aurand, Normandy Base commander, representing the United States Army. The watch was a token of appreciation for her heroic deed.

When an American Fortress crashed in a field near her home on D-day plus 1, a frail, white-haired woman living in this tiny hamlet, summoned up her strength and helped the six wounded airmen who had survived to reach her house. Carefully concealing them in dense shrubbery around the house, she sneaked them in as soon as darkness fell.

She made them comfortable in the attic of the old stone house, bringing them food, water and bandages. When a German search party, prowling the area for the missing men, knocked at her door, she knew herself to be in grave

danger. She opened the door.

"No," she said, staring the Nazi officer in the eye, "I have seen no Americans come this way."

### Hidden Three Weeks

She hid the men for three weeks, attending to their needs, until advancing American forces swept over the locality and freed them.

In his speech paying tribute to the woman, General Aurand, addressing the assembled villagers, declared:

"It is easy enough to be brave

when one is surrounded by others, but the true measure of courage is that which takes place in the solitude of one's own heart, when the advice or the help of others cannot be looked for, and the decision rests on the individual."

A choir of women and children of the village entertained General Aurand and his party with French songs. The ceremony in the flower-decked community hall ended with the singing of the "Marseillaise" and "Star Spangled Banner."

## Honor Medal Given Fallen Hero Who Thrice Faced Hail of Fire

WASHINGTON. — Posthumous award of the Medal of Honor to T/Sgt. John D. Kelly, of Cambridge Springs, Pa., who charged through heavy enemy fire on three separate occasions to knock out with explosives an enemy strongpoint, was announced by the War Department.

The action occurred on June 25, 1944, in the vicinity of Fort Du Roule, Cherbourg, France. Subsequently, Sergeant Kelly was slightly wounded in action in France on July 5 and returned to duty on July 20. He was wounded again on November 19 and died November 23.

Arrangements for presentation of the Medal of Honor to his widow, Mrs. Mary E. Kelly, R. F. D. 1, Cambridge Springs, have not yet been completed.

For two hours on the morning of June 25, the advance of units of the 79th Infantry Division on Fort Du Roule, France, waited while Sergeant Kelly walked alone against the concentrated fire of the guns of the fort. Three times during those two hours, laden with explosives, he went against the withering fire of machine guns and rifles to blast a

strongpoint to impotence. The fort guarded the land and sea approaches to Cherbourg.

The advance of the 2d Platoon of Company E, in which Sergeant Kelly was acting squad leader, and rear elements of Company G, both of the 314th Infantry Regiment, was stopped at 9 A. M. by the storm of fire from the strongpoint on the slope which approached the fort. Maj. Gen. I. T. Wyche, in command of the 79th Infantry Division, described the action thus:

### Faces Hail of Fire

"The units were pinned down by enemy machine gun fire that came from a deeply entrenched strongpoint on the bare slope leading up to the fort. While thus pinned down, the men were unable to return the enemy fire and Sergeant Kelly volunteered to attempt to neutralize the strongpoint."

"Carrying a pole charge ten feet long and 15 pounds of TNT, Sergeant Kelly entered the open ground and walked deliberately into the hail of fire that was turned on him. Working coolly, he pushed his explosive charge against the strong-

## WMC Apprenticeship Training to Develop New Talents

WASHINGTON.—The apprenticeship training service operated by the War Manpower Commission for the rapid development of war workers offers a ready means by which veterans of World War II can learn new skills, improve techniques learned in military service or refresh themselves in old skills.

A survey conducted this month shows that 32,000 industrial establishments are now participating in organized apprenticeship programs. The program covers not only factories, which in normal times provide about 25 per cent of employ-

ment, but service industries in which most of the other 75 per cent make their living.

Only a few more than 1000 veterans of this war have enrolled to date for apprentice training, but this is believed due to the fact that able-bodied veterans are taking jobs in war production to speed the war effort and also to make the high wages available. When the cutbacks come with greater competition for jobs many more veterans are expected to take advantage of the apprentice training opportunities.

Many industries which have established apprentice standards are making surveys in anticipation of such programs with a view to peacetime operation as well as war production. Among the groups making such surveys, according to the WMC, are the textile industries, artificial limb manufacturers and makers of refrigeration and glass laboratory apparatus.

## Legion Recovers Contested Funds of War Veterans

WASHINGTON.—The Rehabilitation Committee of the American Legion recovered \$5,692,560 in contested funds in 1944 for war veterans and their families, of which \$5,020,203 was in connection with disputed insurance cases.

The Legion headquarters said that almost the entire sum was insurance death claims resulting from the present war.

The recoveries were made by the Legion through the Veterans Administration under three types of policies. The National Life insurance, issued only to World War men, and the War Risk Insurance and U. S. Government Life Insurance, issued to World War I men.

## Wac Secretary to General McNarney

ALLIED FORCE HEADQUARTERS, Italy.—S/Sgt. Mary Frances Noonan, of St. Louis, 23-year-old member of the Women's Army Corps, holds the responsible position as secretary to Lt. Gen. Joseph T. McNarney, Commanding General of the Mediterranean Theater of Operations and also Deputy Supreme Allied Commander of the Allied Forces Headquarters in Italy. Sergeant Noonan, who joined the Wacs in Feb. 1943, trained at Fort Des Moines, Ia., and was stationed at Fort Knox, Ky., for 14 months. She came to Italy in Sept. 1944 and a month later was selected General McNarney's secretary.

## Japs Held Back by ATC Shifting of China Forces

CHUNGKING.—To stem Japanese advances, Air Transport Command delivered 1000 fully-equipped Chinese troops daily by air and thus blocked the Japanese threat against Kwelyang, Chungking and Kunming last December.

With Japanese rolling inward Kwelyang and the situation most acute, Brig. Gen. William H. Turner, commander of the India-China Division of the ATC, after conferring with Chinese leaders, ordered the air troop movement. And despite the terrible weather, necessitating flights largely on instruments, at 18,000 feet over the five-hour course, the ATC did the big job without serious mishaps, it has been revealed.

## AAF Will Soon Get New Fighter Planes

KANSAS CITY, Mo. — Harold Raynor, manager of the Kansas City plant of North American Aviation, announces his organization will soon go into production of a new type fighter plane for United States Army Air Forces. While preparatory work on the new production program is under way, no details of the new airplane will be given at this time.

The plant will continue into December instead of September production of B-25 Mitchell Bombers.

## Yanks Take Refuge in Convent, Belgian Nuns Play Santa Claus

WITH ADVANCE U. S. SUPPLY HEADQUARTERS IN BELGIUM.—When a U. S. Army Engineer company had to evacuate an area near the front during the German offensive, the men never thought they'd be quartered in a convent and that their Christmas Eve hostesses would be Belgian nuns.

The Engineer Forestry company of Advance Section Communications Zone, was operating a sawmill near the front, supplying bridge timbers to the 1st and 9th Armies. They moved into a convent school closed for the holidays.

Christmas Eve, the Mother Su-

perior and her community invited the GIs into the convent hall, where a large tree was glowing with ornaments and lights. There was a present for each American soldier—just a handkerchief, a few colored pencils—but it was a gift. The soldiers also were given apples, candy, and home-made waffles.

The big surprise of the evening was a raffle contest free to all. Most of it was limited to the married men, and the nuns put up a giant doll, baby clothes, silk scarfs, table covers, everything a husband and father might want to send home.

## \$7,000,000 Donated By Minor Leagues

DURHAM, N. C.—Minor league baseball has raised more than \$7,000,000 through special programs, war bonds and war relief games in three wartime years.

Large quantities of baseball equipment given branches of the armed forces.



## First Wac to Serve with Combat Troops Is Home

CAMP MCCOY, Wis.—Hearing civilians speak English proved somewhat of a shock to T/5 Mary Margaret Malloy, Wauwatosa, Wis., newly-assigned Camp McCoy Wac, upon her return to the states after 16 months' service overseas with the American 5th Army in Africa and Italy.

Corporal Malloy served as a stenographer for 11 months with the 5th Army's inspector general office and for three months with G-4. She was with what at that time was the only WAC unit assigned to combat troops. The Wacs many times were from a half-mile to 40 miles back of the infantry's forward lines, Corporal Malloy recalls. She adds:

"We landed at Naples a year ago

November when the front lines were only eight miles away. We stayed there five months, moving on to Anzio the day Rome fell. In a few days we were right with the troops nearly 80 miles above the capital."

One of the highlights of her stay in Italy was a week's vacation on the Isle of Capri. A rest camp for fliers, it took a little "pull" by Lt. Gen. Mark Clark to get Corporal Malloy and a group of Wacs accommodations on the famed isle. Corporal Malloy recalls it was a paradise.

## Bravery Wins Double Award

TUSCALOOSA, Ala.—Pfc. Lloyd K. Gillespie, of Tampa, Fla., received double honors at Northington General Hospital when Brig. Gen. W. R. Dear, Commanding General, awarded him the Silver Star and the Oak Leaf Cluster (representing a second Silver Star) for conspicuous gallantry in France on two occasions last summer.

MORE than 167,000,000 square feet of manufacturing floor space is devoted to aircraft production in the United States.



—Signal Corps Photo

MESE NATIVES, employed by Service of Supply, couldn't do out their elephants in getting out timber for construction work. Heavy logs are pushed to the Irrawaddy river bank. They'll be placed together to form a raft, and then floated downstream to Mykina.

## as Won High Honors Over 28 Army Years

MP BUTNER, N. C.—The left and chest of M/S Francis X. are loaded with decorations of war and the last, and the that goes with them carries over 28 Army years, many and many countries. And that to mention a few battle-fields the way.

Through the left shoulder strap on his blouse, the Pennsylvania sergeant wears a fourageurre presented to him by Field Marshal Foch, on orders of the French army, for work done during the last war. On the fourageurre is a star and the Indian Head of Falvey's division in the war and a Signal Corps Insignia with the large "I" indicating that he was a member of the First Signal Corps Battalion, whose service in France is beyond question in the minds of first World War dough-boys.

Sergeant Falvey's Silver Star was given for laying wire under tough combat conditions in the Argonne-Meuse offensive in the first World War. Falvey laid what he says were "miles and miles of wire while in the direct line of German fire."

## Fraud Is Hinted in Construction of Camp Shanks

NEW YORK.—Following months of investigation by the FBI, Federal grand jury is expected to be convened here to receive data charging huge frauds in connection with construction of Camp Shanks at Orangeburg.

In addition to overcharges to the Government for material, the investigation is said to have revealed extensive payroll padding, with hundreds of men drawing pay for activity that never went beyond the signing of payrolls.

In some of the charges, Army officers were accused of colluding with contractors.

## Gets Silver Star

WITH THE 7TH ARMORED DIVISION, Western Front.—For three days in the face of direct enemy small arms, mortar and heavy artillery fire, S/Sgt. Robert D. Maak, of Covington, Ga., operated a field observer's radio. He



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overseas service in this war; the master sergeant chevrons. On his left breast, the decorations many. In the order in which were received the ribbons are follows: Mexican Border (1916); Victory Medal (1916); Asiatic-Pacific with one star

## Rescue 1000 Patients Bomed Hospital

WITH U. S. SUPPLY FORCES BELGIUM.—A few minutes a Nazi flying bomb blasted 15 of the staff and wounding members of the 419th Engineer Dump Truck Company were the job probing the debris for victims and carrying more than patients to safety in other medical installations.

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WOUNDED FIGHTING MEN of the 7th Army in Alsace are cared for immediately. Even before electric lights can be set up. Here by candle light, Lt. Evelyn Marquardt, Army Nurse, administers a unit of whole blood gathered at American Red Cross donor centers in the United States and flown by the Army Air Transport Command across the Atlantic and to this front line hospital for just this emergency.

## Girls' Wrath More to Fear Than Jap Flak or Bullets

ST. LOUIS.—Japanese flak and machinegun bullets hold less terror for Sgt. John F. Coleman, 26-year-old veteran of four major battles in the South Pacific, than the wrath of American girls whom he compared unfavorably with Australian girls.

Home on furlough from the battle zones, Sergeant Coleman was quoted in a St. Louis newspaper as saying that he preferred Australian girls because Americans were "too artificial."

Ever since then he has wished he was back in the relative quiet and safety of the battle zones.

For two days letters poured in and the telephone jangled continuously. Some suggested he go back to Australia. Others just raved. One enraged female suggested that St. Louis women tar and feather

## Many Requests for Charters AMVETS Report

WASHINGTON.—Over thirty applications and requests for information pertaining to applications for charters have been received by the American Veterans of World War II within a week, according to Public Relations Officer Claude Morgan.

Morgan reports that the applications have been received from eleven states. Four states, Ohio, Texas, Rhode Island and New York, are planning state meetings in February.

The AMVETS are sponsoring a contest to secure a name for their national publication. A \$50 War Bond or a life membership in AMVETS is offered to the individual submitting the accepted name. Suggestions are to be mailed to American Veterans of World War II, Room 505, Atlantic Building, 930 F Street, N.W., Washington, D. C.

Requests for information concerning the newly organized World War II veteran group can be secured from the same address.

AMERICAN Air Force planes have dropped 1,202,139 tons of bombs on enemy targets in the three years since Pearl Harbor.

# Veterans Present Broad Program to Safeguard Welfare and Peace

WASHINGTON.—The leaders of major veterans' organizations this week placed before Congress an ambitious and extensive program designed to safeguard the welfare of veterans of all wars and assure maintenance of world peace in the future.

The Veterans of Foreign Wars, in a broad 10-point program, called for full publicity on all preliminary negotiations between the United States and Allied nations on policies to be followed in permitting the United States to participate in a world organization to maintain peace and to use force if necessary.

The heads of the veterans' organizations met with Rep. John Rankin (D.), of Mississippi, chairman of the World War Veterans Committee, which soon is to begin consideration of legislation offered to the 79th Congress. The committee room was crowded with veterans of both World War I and World War II, many of them bearing scars of battle.

### Wants Say in Peace

Inclusion of combat veterans in the peace conferences was asked by Jean A. Brunner, national commander of the VFW, as part of a program to safeguard the future.

The VFW also asked approval of demobilization procedure which will discharge servicemen in the follow-

ing order: (a) combat disabled veterans; (b) those with longest periods of combat service; (c) those with longest foreign service; (d) those with longest home service.

Edward N. Scheiberling, national commander of the American Legion, offered the program of legislation adopted by the American Legion at its annual convention at Chicago last summer, while Milton D. Cohn, national commander of the Disabled American Veterans, presented an extensive program of benefits for men returning from the war disabled.

Scheiberling told the Veterans Committee that the Legion favors universal service in wartime and compulsory military training in peace. He gave no specific endorsement to proposals now before Congress for work-or-fight, work-or-be-drafted, or work-or-go-to-jail legislation.

### Highlights of VFW Plan

Highlights of the plan submitted by the VFW include:

Continued utilization of full manpower and resources until peace is won.

Policies permitting the United States to participate in a world peace organization with full publicity being given to preliminary

negotiations.

Rotation and relief of military personnel to guarantee home comforts to those who have served months or more overseas.

Demobilization procedure as outlined above.

Immediate adoption of a compulsory peacetime military training program.

A reconversion program that sustain employment and prevent inflation, with tax revision preference to veterans in purchasing privileges.

Prompt administration of the Bill of Rights with minimum tape and delay and immediate construction of adequate hospital facilities.

Liberalized and equalized compensation and pensions to veterans and their dependents of all wars with special recognition of service by increased compensation.

Veteran preference in public employment.

## Army Quiz

1. Luzon, where Gen. Douglas MacArthur's forces are operating, is the largest island of the Philippine archipelago. Do you know approximately how many islands in the group?

- A. 1000?
- B. 5000?
- C. 7000?

2. Admiral Ingram said, two weeks ago, that a certain occurrence was probable. The Navy said it was probable but not probable. What is the argument about?

3. Three American destroyers were recently wrecked in the Pacific by a typhoon. Last fall two or three Atlantic coast guard vessels were wrecked by a hurricane. Do you know the difference between the two types of storms?

4. The number of German divisions fighting on the Western front has been estimated at 70. How many would you think were fighting on the Eastern front?

- A. 35?
- B. 75?
- C. Over 200?

5. Londoners, with characteristic British humor, have recently been calling the German rocket balance "Bob Hopes." Can you figure out why?

6. Vice Admiral Thomas C. Kinkaid, who commands the Navy's task force at Luzon, is one of the "Ks," outstanding in operations on or near the Philippines. Can you name the other two and give their jobs?

7. In the current discussion of United States manpower what figure has been used to represent total working force?

- A. 32,000,000?
- B. 52,000,000?
- C. 130,000,000?

8. The War Department last week warned the public not to write letters through the International Red Cross to a man listed as "missing in action." Would you like the reason?

9. In a speech in the British House of Commons last week Premier Churchill gave great praise to certain Allied soldiers who had a large part in the fighting in the recent "bulge" operations. Do you know whether he referred to:

- A. Canadians?
- B. British troops?
- C. Americans?

10. Lake Comacchio, in Italy, is known to Allied troops as "The Egg." Can you tell what place in the war fronts are known as "The Hump," and "The Bulge?"

(See "Quiz Answers," page 19)

## MacArthur Wades in Waist-Deep Surf at Beachmaster's Command

LEYTE.—Officers and men of a Navy attack cargo ship are chuckling over the informal meeting between a shore party from the ship and an extremely high-ranking Army officer.

The shore party was directing the unloading of their ship's combat cargo on the Leyte beachhead when a small landing boat was seen approaching between waiting cargo lighters.

"Get that boat out of here!" shouted a signalman whose job was to keep his sector clear of other craft.

The boat continued toward the beach, and struck bottom 15 yards from the shore line. An Army lieutenant's head appeared over the

ramp. "Send a 'duck' out to pick us up," he called.

The assistant beachmaster, who had observed the proceedings, shouted back in a truculent tone: "Walk in. The water's fine!"

Immediately the ramp dropped. First man to jump into the waist-deep surf was Gen. Douglas MacArthur.

The embarrassed beach party was put at ease when the General waded up and with a beaming smile said: "Good morning. How are things going?"

## New Discharge Forms for Officers and EM

WASHINGTON.—In an effort to assist both the discharged veteran and his future employer, the Army has prepared new discharge forms for officer and enlisted personnel, which combine the discharge certificate or the certificate of service with the report of separation, it is announced by the War Department.

The new series of forms, each representing the consolidation of 20 forms previously used, is the means of supplying prospective employers and governmental agencies with a concise history of each veteran. In addition to personal data, it contains a brief record of the man's military history, his length of service, military occupational specialty, battles, campaigns and awards received. Listed, too, is a record of each service school attended.

## Eight Army Dogs Win Posthumous Awards for Outstanding Service

WASHINGTON.—Official certifications of outstanding performance of duty by eight dogs of the Army's K-9 Corps in the Southwest Pacific Theater of Operations have been forwarded to the former owners of the dogs, the War Department announces. The certifications are all posthumous.

The certificates, issued by Maj. Gen. E. B. Gregory, The Quartermaster General, whose office procures and trains all war dogs used by the Army, are the first to be is-

sued in recognition of outstanding performance by war dogs although individual units in the theaters are permitted to issue commendations for publication in unit orders. No medals or decorations accompany the certificates since such awards to animals are prohibited.

The eight dogs were members of the first War Dog Detachment to see service in the Southwest Pacific area; they served with the American forces, Australian forces and finally with the Marine Raiders.



IN TERRIFIC BLIZZARD, raging in Geilenkerchen, Germany, men of the 102d Infantry Division of the 9th Army string barbed wire as a precautionary measure against enemy attack.

—Signal Corps Photo



# 106th Golden Lion Division Wrote Brave Chapter in Bulge Battle

WITH THE 106TH INFANTRY DIVISION, Belgium.—The 116th, fresh at the front, was allotted to a "quiet" section on the Siegfried Line on Dec. 11.

Five days later they met a shattering eruption of fire and steel as the Germans started their bulge breakthrough. In another two days two regiments and supporting artillery and armor of the Golden Lion Division had been wiped out.

In those two days the men of the two regiments had absorbed the weight of von Runstedt's spearhead. They went down fighting.

Secretary of War Stimson has announced that the 106th suffered 8663 casualties in the German offensive, including 416 killed and 1246 wounded. He said most of the 7001 men missing were presumed to be prisoners.

The German attack started at 5.50 A. M. on Dec. 17 with a tremendous artillery barrage against the 106th's line. Then the barrage moved across a field artillery battalion. By 6.20 A. M. more than 100 rounds had hit squarely among the artillerymen.

The Germans turned their guns again on the 422nd and 423rd regiments, and followed with infantry and tank assaults. By daybreak of Dec. 17 two German divisions were thrown in that section of the line and the regiments were forced to withdraw.

## "German" MPs

Early on Dec. 18 division headquarters began moving out of St. Vith. Some units were halted by military police who wore American uniforms and talked with a mid-western accent. They turned out to be Germans. One fired a rocket which signalled the opening of a terrific barrage against the halted vehicles.

Until radio contact was lost, at

4 P. M., on Dec. 18, the two regiments continued to send back reports of the fighting. Requests for ammunition, food and water were sent back, but parachuting in of supplies was impossible because of the fog. The last message said: "We are now destroying our equipment."

After a stiff fight by the 424th, a combat command from the 9th Armored Division, which had moved up on December 19 and the 112th regiment from the 28th Infantry Division, the Germans occupied St. Vith.

Exhausted and depleted, the 106th pulled back to reorganize on

Dec. 23, but next day was thrown into the line again and helped to halt the Germans finally on the north side of the salient between Stavelot and Manhay.

When Maj. Gen. Alan W. Jones activated the 106th at Jackson, Miss., in March, 1943, he told the men: "You're brand new; you have no past history to look up to, and no past sins to live down."

The 106th still has nothing to live down, but very much to be proud of, since they were only driven back by many times their number, and that after they had fought like heroes for days under the most difficult conditions.

## Private's New Artificial Hand Eliminates Old Strap Control

CAMP CROFT, S. C.—Pvt. Walter S. Pavelchek, an Infantry trainee who was a machinist with a New York engineering firm before his induction into the Army, is working on an hydraulically-operated artificial hand that is designed to eliminate the cumbersome shoulder harness of the old type hand.

The new device, which is still in the experimental stage, will operate from a compressing unit filled with hydraulic fluid. The compressing unit will fit snugly in front of the stomach so that when the stomach is pressed forward, it will force the fluid through a hose into a narrow cylinder where a rubber cup will operate a piston fastened to the mechanism of the artificial hand and thus enable the wearer to close and open his hand at will.

In the old type strap-controlled hand, it is necessary to thrust the arm in a forward position to pick up an object. The new device will permit the wearer to pick up an object in any position and thus increase the utility of his artificial hand, according to Pvt. Pavelchek. The inventor now is striving to make arrangements to work in an

orthopedic appliance plant so that he may perfect the new hand. He said he expects no financial gain from his invention.

"My only desire is to make life a little bit easier for overseas casualties," he declared.

## Using Spy Glass, Yank Watched As Sniper Shot Him

WITH THE 2ND DIVISION IN THE SIEGFRIED LINE.—2nd Lt. Bernard Dolan, of Eemporium, Pa., had the doubtful pleasure of seeing a German shoot him.

The Lieutenant was trying to observe the effect of some tank destroyers on some snipers and machine-guns. He raised his glasses and focused them just in time to see a Nazi sniper raise his gun and fire at him. He was so surprised, he didn't duck, and the bullet nicked him in the forehead, a slight wound.

## Grasshopper Pilots Get Primary Lesson at Sheppard Field

FORT SILL, Okla.—Field Artillery liaison pilots are now taking primary training at Sheppard Field, Tex., under the supervision of the Army Air Corps, it was announced last week.

A class of primary students began the 14-week course at Sheppard Field on Monday, marking the first time the grasshopper pilots were not being trained at either Pittsburg, Kans., or Denton, Tex.

The course at Sheppard Field is the first in which the air corps has had direct supervision of the famous field artillery liaison fliers.

Advanced training courses which also run for 14 weeks, will continue to be held here.



—Signal Corps Photo

DRAMATIC NIGHT PHOTO shows infantrymen in training as they crawl, crawl, crawl under live machine gun fire on the Infantry Replacement Training Center's new infiltration problem in the north battle courses, which gives the men experience that will be valuable in combat. Dangerous work—but perfectly safe if they've learned the main lesson—"Keep your head down and stay close to mother earth."

## German Tank Fire-Power Superior to Yank Armor

WITH THE UNITED STATES ARMY, In Belgium.—German medium and light tanks and tank destroyers are proving themselves superior to American armor during present severe weather conditions along this front.

German superiority in firing power and defensive armoring has placed American armor at a distinct disadvantage. An example of this superiority was demonstrated before Houffalize when two American tanks were sent up to the brow of a hill to get off a couple of quick shots at a Nazi Panther and then retire.

The Germans got off seven shots while the Americans got in their two.

While our Sherman tank crews performed brilliantly in outmaneuvering the Nazi Panthers, Tigers and Royal Tigers when the going was good, they are now finding it impossible to get off the roads to maneuver due to weather conditions.

## Blue Triangle Insignia Made for Civilians

WASHINGTON.—New shoulder insignia has been authorized for civilians accompanying United States Army forces in the field.

The insignia is a dark blue triangle bearing the letters US in khaki color and is superimposed on a khaki-colored background 2½ inches in height and 3 inches in width.

The insignia also will indicate the designated assignment in dark blue letters above and below the triangle. Designations authorized are: Scientist, consultant, operations analyst, correspondent, technical observer, AAF technical representative, automotive advisor, radio communicator, photographer, chauffeur and messenger.

## Reports on Nurses Decried by Surgeon

WASHINGTON.—To lessen reluctance from families of nurses wishing to enlist, the Army Surgeon General's office has branded untrue rumors that nurses are being sent back from overseas minus their noses, legs, etc., and that 66 nurses of the prisoners of the Japanese have been molested and tortured.

It was stated no amputees of any description have been reported, and that the prisoner nurses, mostly in Manila, have their own vegetable garden, their food supply is reasonable and their health is excellent under the circumstances.

## Spirit of Drummer Boy of '76 Found in Brave Filipino Kids

TUSCALOOSA, Ala.—The fighting spirit of George Washington's drummer boy of 1776 lives today in the Philippines in the 12- and 13-year-old boys of liberated Leyte, it

was learned from Pvt. William H. Collins, Jr., of Montgomery, Ala., now at Northington General Hospital, recovering from wounds received in pushing the Japs from the island.

"They followed our company from the second day we hit the island and begged us to give them rifles and ammunition. We did. And those little guys, speaking very good English, just took their places alongside us, in the thickest fighting," said Collins, a veteran of 30 months in the South Pacific.

Unlike the little drummer boy who beat his way to undying fame with the drumsticks, these kids of the Philippines, about 25 in all, beat their way through densely wooded areas and actually performed commendably as scouts and guides because of their complete knowledge of the terrain.

## Tough Assignment

CAMP BLANDING, Fla.—Four of Camp Blanding's Army Service Forces Regional Hospital are the envy of all other soldiers for an assignment in addition to their other duties. W/O Wally Gluckman, Cpl. James S. McNeish, Cpl. Donald J. Gada and Pvt. Arthur L. Trout work in their off hours—as volunteers—coaching the women's teams representing Nurses, Wacs, civilian employees and telephone operators the feminine basketball league.



—Signal Corps Photo

AFTER TWO LONG YEARS of patient waiting, British troops of the 36th Division make their first crossing of the Irawaddy river in their drive to Mandalay.



## Heroes of Laiatico Win Blue Ribbon Unit Award

WITH THE 5TH ARMY, Italy.—Laiatico—only a name to replacements but still a nightmare to surviving veterans who fought there—today was the basis for a War Department Distinguished Unit citation to the 3rd Battalion, 351st "Spearhead" Regiment.

And men of the 3rd, who wrote the story in blood last July, wear their blue citation ribbons with added pride in the knowledge that they are members of the first unit of the 88th "Blue Devil" Division to win such an award.

They've been through bigger battles on the 5th Army front, in Italy since then and it's hard for them to remember all the details of that four-day slugging match south of the Arno River when they

sweated out all the Kraut could throw, then got up off the ground and went on to take Laiatico, killing and capturing 675 Germans in the process.

"During the attack on strongly fortified German positions in the vicinity of Laiatico, the 3rd Battalion occupied an advanced position devoid of cover with both flanks exposed, and for three days withstood heavy enemy artillery and mortar bombardments as well as three vicious enemy counterattacks supported by tanks," the official citation states.

"Displaying courage, skill and determined fighting spirit, the battalion frustrated all enemy efforts to defend the town and surrounding strategic positions. On the fourth day, the 3rd Battalion launched a night attack and penetrated the German stronghold from the flanks and rear.

"Aggressively exploiting its breakthrough, the battalion seized a German regimental command post, after a savage hand-to-hand struggle in the darkness, and cut the main escape route from the Laiatico hill mass. As a result of the 3rd Battalion's prodigious efforts, 425 prisoners were taken, 250 Germans were killed or wounded, and a large quantity of enemy weapons were captured and promptly employed with telling effect against the battered German forces.

"The timely capture of this key enemy defensive position compelled the Germans to abandon a carefully prepared, strongly defended line and opened the route of advance to the Arno River. The fearlessness, heroic determination and aggressive fighting spirit of the officers and men of the 3rd Battalion, 351st Infantry Regiment, resulted in a performance which brings honor to the Armed Forces of the United States."

Wounded just prior to the battle, battalion commander Lt. Col. Charles P. Furr, 27, of Rock Hill, S. C., was succeeded by Maj. Harold B. Ayers, of New Orleans, La., who led the unit during the struggle for Laiatico. Present commander of the 3rd Battalion is Lt. Col. Earl Van Alstyne. Colonel Furr was killed in action on 1 Oct., at Castel del Rio.

### Leaves Combat Lines to Go to West Point

WITH THE 82ND AIRBORNE DIVISION, Belgium.—Pfc. Charles R. Kemble, of Ottumwa, Ia., was notified at the front, "somewhere in Belgium," that he had been accepted for admission to West Point.

To Private Kemble, who arrived overseas last September and was taking part in his first campaign with the 505th Infantry Regiment, the news came as a complete surprise. He took a competitive examination for entrance to the Academy a year and a half ago, was chosen as an alternate, but had heard nothing further of his application.

Kemble was attending the University of Kansas in 1942 when he joined the Army.

### 58-Year-Old Army Cook Is Back in Belgium with Railway Gang

WITH U. S. FORCES IN BELGIUM.—For a while it looked as though "Pop" White, who ran the beanery for the Great Northern Railroad at the Rexford, Mont., yards, was going to be left behind.

He was 55 years old and had been cooking for railroad men for almost 40 years. But now a lot of his "boys" were going into the Army, and although he wanted to join them, he was told he was too old to fight.

The recruiting officers were firm. What could an old-timer do in this young man's war? That made Pop mad. He had been through the last war—in four campaigns with the 91st Infantry—and now they wanted him to take a back seat.



—AAF Photo

BILLOWING PARACHUTES over Army paratroopers at Fort Benning, Ga., drop earthward over a symbolic "Objective Burma." Thousands of these air-troopers, trained as parachutists at the Parachute School at Benning, have jumped into combat on the far-flung battlefronts of the world from Lae in New Guinea to North Africa, Sicily and France. The "objective" on the ground, made of panel strips and enlivened by an artist's pen, may foreshadow another zone of action for these hardy troopers. The forthcoming Warner Brothers' picture, "Objective Burma," weaves a story about the employment of paratroopers in Burma.

## London Writer Says Yank Troops Blameless in Nazi Breakthrough

WASHINGTON.—The German breakthrough at Ardennes cannot "be blamed on the American combat troops," who "stood there and died rather than retreat or surrender," John Hall, London Daily Mail war correspondent, asserts in an "on-the-spot" story of the December battle in the Transatlantic Edition of his paper.

Writing for the express purpose of doing something "to correct the doubters who are making use of this reverse to question the fighting qualities of those very gallant soldiers, the GI Joes," Hall said that no thinly strung Army could have held against the weight of men, armor and explosives which Field Marshal Von Rundstedt hurled into the Ardennes.

"When the full story can be told the world will learn how many Americans stood there and died rather than retreat or surrender," Hall wrote. "Many in Britain still cling to two dangerous illusions—one, that American military power is limitless; the other, that Germany has been left with very little of anything."

Hall said he has seen no evidence that the Nazis are short of men or materials.

Describing the German attack in simple language, Hall said that Rundstedt struck with tremendous force.

"Paratroops had already been dropped behind our lines and had been at work several hours, cutting telephone lines, attacking command posts, and doing everything possible to create confusion and prevent the

American leaders from fighting an orderly defense," Hall explained.

"Added to that was the enemy's new 'weapon'—the trick of using vehicles and armor exactly like the American equipment and putting German soldiers into American uniforms.

"At selected points, he laid down tremendous artillery barrages. That was according to the book. He shelled strong positions to engage attention while his 'wildcat columns' were racing westward.

"They got through—tanks, men and self-propelled guns. Some of these guns were big fellows."

Hall said that part of Rundstedt's plan was to paralyze the direction and defense measures, and incidental thereto he ordered some of his American-dressed men and civilian-clothed "infiltrators" to attack headquarters and kill full colonels and generals. They were called "brass-hat killer squads." These squads failed, he said.

The British war correspondent also pointed out that the German weather experts had given Rundstedt "perfect" weather conditions for his job—that fog and mist was so thick no aircraft could move.

Hall, one of whose colleagues was killed while with him during the breakthrough, said that he had seen enough "to testify that the great majority of the young Americans fought and died bravely."

He said that when the Americans realized what had happened they used stunned "It can't happen to us" expressions, because the war had been too one-sided in their favor since the Normandy breakthrough.

"They had been a winning team too long," he wrote. "The warnings they had and the lessons they learned since we reached Germany, that dour struggle to reach the Roer river and the carnage of the Hurtgen Forest, did not sink deep enough.

"None of this affects my admiration for the combat GIs, the way they fight and the way they are led."

"In my view, the strength of the

### 313th Blazed Trail

WITH THE 5TH ARMY, Italy.—The 313th Combat Eng. Bn., commanded by Maj. James H. Green, of Pensacola, Fla., recently was identified as the unit which blazed trails through "impassable" mountains in support of the 88th (Blue Devil) Division in pacing the 5th Army's smash from the Garigliano River to the Po Valley.

American front-line troops lies in the middle senior officers—the majors and lieutenant colonels. They are magnificent.

"Nothing of what has happened these past two weeks can be blamed on the American combat troops. They did, and are still doing, their duty, and are fighting well."

Hall said he had seen remarkable feats of swift American organization and "in half a dozen ways American mobility outsmarted the Hun blitz in this affair—but the telling of those stories will have to wait."

### Live Pin-Up Girl Shares GIs Ditch

HEADQUARTERS, European Theater of Operations.—Pvt. Stephen Amarante, of New Haven, Conn., got one of those breaks that all GIs dream of—a live pinup girl to share his foxhole.

Talking with a fair French mademoiselle recently, Private Amarante heard a German shell coming in and made a dive for a nearby hole. The fair young lady, just as eager to reach safety, dived in right after and almost landed on the 7th Infantry soldier.

But the Germans didn't play fair, Amarante said.

"The rats only threw in one shell."

### Two GF Officers Given Air Medal

WITH THE 4TH ARMORED DIVISION IN FRANCE.—Two high-ranking tank officers have been awarded the Air Medal, a decoration not often won by ground force officers.

The officers, Maj. Gen. John S. Wood, commander of the 4th Armored Division, and Col. Bruce G. Clarke, commander of Combat Command "A" of the division, were awarded the medals for valor while flying in Piper Cubs above their armored troops to direct battle operations.

### Led Daring Attack

WITH THE 5TH ARMY, Italy.—Sgt. Tilman Derrick, 24, of Long-acre, W. Va., led his platoon against a German stronghold, which fell after a heated all-night battle, resulting in the destruction of 40 Nazis and the capture of five on the 5th Army front in northern Italy.

### Former Prisoners of Nazis and Japs Will Tour Country

WASHINGTON.—American repatriated prisoners-of-war from Germany and escapees from Japanese prison camps will tour the United States in a group for the first time in order to give thousands of next-of-kin a comprehensive picture of conditions in enemy camps, the War Department announced.

Thirty key cities will be visited in a two-month period, beginning Feb. 1, by a group of 10 officers and enlisted men of the Army Air Forces, in co-operation with the American Red Cross.

The group will travel over the country by air, opening the tour in New York City the night of Feb. 1 and ending in Washington, D. C., Apr. 4. Primary purpose of the flying visits will be for the men to address Red Cross next-of-kin meetings, to be held in large auditoriums. Wherever possible, next-of-kin, relatives and dependents will receive special invitations from the Red Cross to attend the meetings, which also will be open to friends and other interested persons.

### PGC Supply Service Labors Win Honors for Maj. Pantuhoff

CAMP AMIRABAD, TEHERAN, Iran.—Outstanding service in furthering the movement through the Persian Gulf Command of war supplies to the USSR brought a two-fold honor here recently to Maj. Oleg I. Pantuhoff, Jr., a native of Russia and resident of New York City.

At ceremonies held at Camp Amirabad, PGC Headquarters, Major Pantuhoff, liaison officer between the PGC and representatives of the USSR, was awarded the Legion of Merit and advanced in rank from Major to Lieutenant Colonel.

### 16,000 Service Men Loaned to Industry to Speed Materials

WASHINGTON.—With the production situation characterized as akin to that of 1942, when the country was straining at every stream to boost the flow of munitions, a Government official announced that Army and Navy had lent some 16,000 men, capable of combat duty, to fill labor gaps in critical war production.

The men are now working on tires, copper and foundry products, but armed services have asked that they be returned as soon as possible.

### Army Nurses Belong to Fighting Families

CAMP MCCOY, Wis.—New Army nurses getting their basic training at Camp McCoy come from fighting families, a survey this week revealing 64 of 108 in the new class having 86 relatives in service in all corners of the globe.

Forty-seven of the nurses have one member of their family in action.



# Clare Luce Tells Congress Saga of 5th Army Dogfaces

WASHINGTON. — The bloody sagas of Salerno, Anzio and Cassino — "The Valley of the Purple Heart" — were written into the history of the Congress of the United States last week when all of the literary talents of Congresswoman Clare Boothe Luce of Connecticut were employed to pay tribute to the "dogfaces" of the American Fifth Army.

Describing nine months of "the bitterest campaign ever fought in history," Mrs. Luce held members of Congress spellbound as she drew a word picture of Salerno, "the most significant European battle of World War II"; of Cassino where today the only recognizable objects "are the rows and rows of white crosses that mark on the outskirts the graves of the men who fell there."

"There, at Salerno, the infantryman, the rifleman, the 'dogface,' as he is wont to call himself, came into his own," Mrs. Luce said. "Once again, as always throughout the history of war since rifles were in-

vented—the infantry became the key to victory.

"On the blackest day of the fighting, during a vicious German counterattack against the beachhead, when it seemed they could not stay, cool, long, lanky Mark Wayne Clark's terse order to his troops came: 'We are here to stay.' And so they were. They cut and tore and shot their way through barbed wire and over mine fields, past pillboxes and into a red curtain of rifle and artillery fire and air bombardment. On the ninth day the Germans began to retreat."

Mrs. Luce related graphically the success of the Fifth Army in battering the mountain gateways to Naples and "with the taking of Naples there began in grim earnest the Calvary of the Fifth, the Via Dolorosa: the Road to Rome."

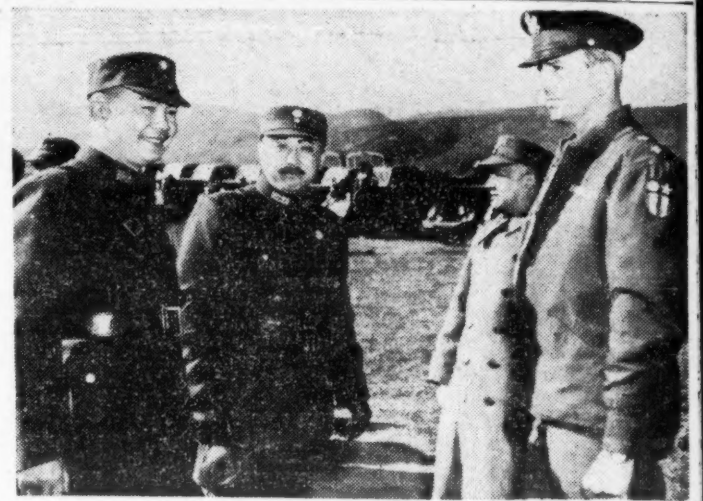
"Towering on all sides was an insane jumble of sleet-lashed, snow-blanketed ranges, peppered with strongly entrenched, easily defended enemy artillery posts," she said.

"Ahead of Clark, the Road to Rome threaded through narrow winding valleys that soon became quagmires of mud. In this mud, up these snowy mountains, tanks and trucks moved with incredible difficulty. Even the prodigious little contraption, the jeep, was sometimes balked and gave way to the little Italian mule. And sometimes the mule gave way to men, for on slippery mountain sides where even mules could not climb, Mark's men clambered with heavy pack-boards. The men of the Fifth ate and lived and slept in that mountain snow and valley mud. Do you wonder why the infantrymen call themselves, the 'dogfaces'? It is because they often live like dogs, and many of them died like dogs, in these bitter circumstances."

Mrs. Luce said that Anzio landing was "a leap frog, left hook or 'end run' operation designed to threaten the rear of the German Army, but that its purpose was long delayed."

"On June 4th Mark Clark's Fifth, the first American army to be activated on foreign soil, the first to best the Wehrmacht in Europe, the first to liberate an Axis capital, the first in world's history to take Rome from the south, and the first to test and implement the grand strategy of war in the west, marched into the Eternal City," she said. "Every step on the Road to Rome had been bought in hardship and blood."

"Today the Fifth Army line runs south of LaSperla, at the knee of the Italian boot, to a few miles south of Bologna, an important Nazi ammunition center. And on that line, in one more winter, the Fifth finds itself in a towering tangle of sleet mountains where tanks can move only with great difficulty. Once more it fights without the all-out aid of the air forces, grounded by blizzard and fog. Once more the dogface freezes in his fox-hole or shudders in his pup tent, pitched in waist-high snow. Once more his mission is to dig Krauts out of the side of perilous and slippery crags—by hand. Yet once more the Fifth Army is fighting forward—forward towards the Valley of the Po and the Lombardy plains."



—Signal Corps Photo

AT A FORWARD AIRSTRIP, somewhere in Southwest China, Maj. Gen. A. C. Wedemeyer, commanding general of the China Theater of War, is greeted by Gen. Wei Li Huang, commander-in-chief of the Chinese Expeditionary Force.

## Canadian Draftees AWOL; Government Is Criticized

OTTAWA. — Caustic criticism of the Canadian government and its military organization is resulting from the announcement this week by the Defense Ministry that 6300 of a total of 15,000 draftees scheduled for overseas service were absent without leave.

Many Canadians are shocked and their pride deeply hurt by the impression created and they are looking to the government and the military organization to take corrective measures.

The Defense Department has announced that all of the 6300 who fail to report before a 21-day AWOL period has expired will be classed as deserters and subject to arrest and disciplinary action. The 21-day period for most of the absent men expired in mid-week.

Early in the week it was reported

that many of the men who had overstayed their Christmas embarkation leaves were returning voluntarily and others were being apprehended.

Part of the responsibility for the large number of AWOL cases lies in the fact that the entire military organization of Canada has been geared to the voluntary principal, according to officials. Under the voluntary system cases of failure to report for embarkation were rare and some defection was expected after the sudden change in the law which called for overseas duty for draftees. What was not expected, however, was the apparent concerted determination among the draftees to resist the new law.

Canadians fear that the black spot on the record occasioned by the large number of absentees will tend to spoil the record of the past five years during which nearly a million Canadian men and women have volunteered for service in any war zone.

## Scorns Artillery Fire, Gets Chicks

WITH THE 2ND ARMORED DIVISION IN GERMANY. — S/Sgt. Harold F. Archer, of Geneva, Pa., is noted for his boldness, but he set a new high when his company of the 41st Armored Infantry regiment was fighting toward the Roer River.

His platoon was caught in a heavy 81-mm. mortar barrage, which killed three chickens and started all the men dashing for nearby cover—except Sergeant Archer.

"Where're you going?" called Sgt. Kenneth W. Rogers, of Wisconsin Rapids, Wis.

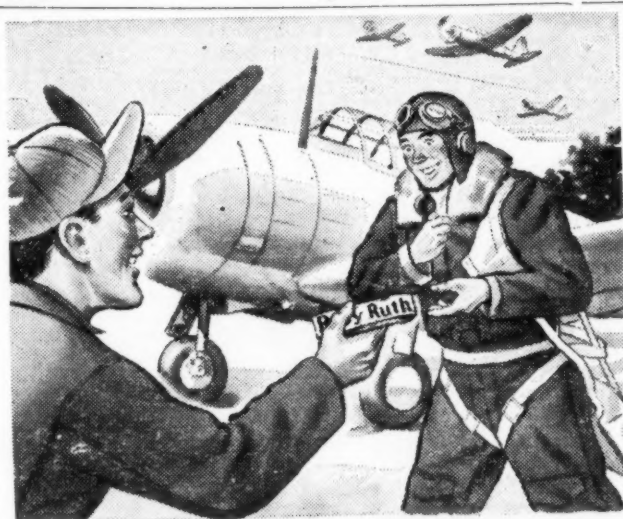
"I'm going to get those chickens," replied Sergeant Archer, as a close shell blew his canteen off his belt. He did, and along with 20 others captured in the next town, the platoon made quite a feast of chicken when the fight subsided.

## Twin Brothers, Both Colonels in France and in Same Office

WITH U. S. FORCES IN FRANCE. — When you call the Adjutant General's office of the 16th Major Port, which operates an important French supply point, and ask for "Colonel Hutchinson," the stock answer is "which one?"

This strange situation of an office in which twin brothers, both Lieutenant Colonels, play the leading roles, developed recently when P. C. Hutchinson, port assistant adjutant general, was promoted from major to the rank of his brother, D. R. Hutchinson, port adjutant general.

WITH THE 1ST ENGINEER SPECIAL BRIGADE IN FRANCE. — The Soldiers' Medal has been presented to seven enlisted men with this unit for heroism displayed during an ammunition dump fire in Normandy last July.



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HEADQUARTERS SOUTHWEST PACIFIC. — Instead of taking the transport, "Shawnee," out to sea for gunnery practice, Maj. John W. Johnson, an Army transport commander, induced shore authorities to permit his Navy gun crew to fire from the harbor at Jap-occupied territory a few miles away from their base near Wakde Island in the Southwest Pacific.

"As long as there are Japs in those hills," he insisted, "we might as well use our ammunition on them instead of wasting it at sea."

The action was a little irregular,

but the authorities agreed. The transport's guns were laid on the Japs and the crew commenced firing. Air liaison officers reported considerable damage to enemy installations and shore authorities complimented Major Johnson on his crew's marksmanship.

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## Heroic 5th Division Climaxes Historic 700-Mile Push at Metz

WITH THE 5TH INFANTRY DIVISION IN FRANCE.—The 5th Infantry Division, which landed on the Continent July 10, climaxed its tiring 700-mile drive across France with an assist in the history-making capture of the fortress of Metz on Nov. 19.

Military precedent had been broken, records had been set and things thought impossible had been accomplished. The division had its share in helping to destroy the German army. It had smashed 10 miles across France, captured Amiens, Chartres, Etampes and numerous other important places. It had forced crossings over the Seine, Marne, Yonne, Aisne, Meuse Rivers. During that period more than 3700 prisoners were captured, along with immense amounts of material and supplies of all types.

The first five days of September and the division halted because of lack of supplies. Its phenomenal dash across France outpaced the supply system. Few railway lines were operating at the time and the majority of the supplies were still coming from the beaches. This gave the disorganized Germans an opportunity to dig in and set up a formidable defense along the Moselle River.

On Sept. 6 the division was ordered to attack eastward, secure bridgehead over the Moselle and capture the city of Metz. On Sept. 11 a crossing was forced and a bridgehead in an arc of about 1000 meters was gained near Dornot. An enemy counter-attack on this bridgehead with tanks and infantry

was repulsed with heavy losses on both sides.

Another crossing was made on Aug. 10 near Arnaville and a bridgehead was secured against light enemy resistance.

Once the bridgehead had been firmly established, efforts to break out and encircle Metz from the south were made, resulting in a 6000-meter advance. But further gains were impossible at that time, due to over-extension of the front, exhaustion of the troops and severe supply shortages.

The division remained in a defensive position until Oct. 19, when they were relieved and sent to the rear for a rest.

On Nov. 1 the division was sent back to its old position along the east bank of the Moselle. They were not to stay there long, however, for plans had been made to attack and capture the city of Metz and the ring of forts guarding it. This was a huge task, for Metz had never had its forts leveled in defeat, although many invaders, from Clovis of the Huns in 451 A.D. to Marshal Petain, have marched through its portals as conquerors. It was regarded as impregnable.

### Spearheads Metz Drive

With heavy bomber and fighter support overhead, the 3d Army started its attack on Nov. 9. Spearheading it was the 5th Division, flanked on the left by the 95th Division and on the right by the 80th Division. The all-out drive smashed forward. Fanatical German resistance was met and overcome. Overwhelming American artillery paved the way.

One by one the string of forts fell. Others, too strongly manned, were bypassed by infantrymen who came so close to the forts that the guns in the forts could not be depressed sufficiently to fire at them. On Nov. 18 an advance of 1000 meters was made in the city of Metz itself.

On Nov. 19 the encirclement of Metz had been completed and the escape gap east of the city had been closed. The city of Metz was ours. For the first time in history Metz had been taken by direct assault.

### Infantry Courage

It was accomplished by the doggedness, skill and courage of the infantrymen, who lived in muddy, water-filled foxholes for two months, and then came aggressively up out of the mud to launch a stunning offensive. Behind the infantry toiled the artillery and the engineers. The thick, sticky mud made movement of the artillery almost impossible. Steel cables and heavy tractors were used to winch their guns in and out of position

and displace them forward. Engineers performed herculean tasks in bridging rivers under intense enemy fire.

During the final operations to capture Metz the division captured 4133 prisoners, killed an estimated 1048 and wounded 4000. Equipment captured included 65 artillery pieces, 23 machine guns, 13 vehicles, 50 carloads of flour, 40 carloads of grain, 18 20-mm. guns, 3300 rifles, 32 carloads of ammunition, 5500 pistols and 11 80-mm. mortars.

## Army Ground Forces News

**HEADQUARTERS, ARMY GROUND FORCES.**—The recently activated First Combat Infantry Band, temporarily quartered at headquarters, Army Ground Forces, Army War College, made its first Washington appearance on Monday, Jan. 22. The 56 bandmen, under their conductor, CWO Chester Whiting, are all former combat infantrymen, many of whom have won awards for heroism under fire.

The band on Feb. 12 will inaugurate a three and a half months' tour through states east of the Mississippi river. It will appear in General Hospitals and Army canteens and also will make numerous public appearances in connection with the Treasury Department bond activities.

Assigned to this headquarters for permanent duty are Col. Bryan Evans, FA, Ground Requirements Section; Col. Harold A. Meyer, Inf., Ground G-3 Section; Col. William H. Nutter, Cav., Ground G-1 Section; Lt. Col. Gordon C. Warner, FA, Ground G-4 Section, and WOJG Hano R. Ciccolani, AUS, Ground Requirements Section.

**HEADQUARTERS, ARMORED CENTER.**—Lt. Col. Eric R. Osborne has been assigned as Division Signal Officer of the 16th Armored Division. He was formerly Signal Officer of Armored Center Headquarters, Fort Knox, Ky.

**HEADQUARTERS, ARMORED SCHOOL.**—Officers newly assigned here are: Maj. Fred S. Krug, Wheeled Vehicle Dept.; Maj. Edward E. Christopher, Commandant and Staff Section; Capt. Robert L. Beziat, Communication Dept.; 1st Lt. Samuel C. Jones, Training Group; 2d Lt. Benjamin Gohlke, Gunnery Dept., and 2d Lt. Carl T. Schunk, Demonstration Regiment.

**HEADQUARTERS, ANTI-AIRCRAFT COMMAND.**—Brig. Gen.

## Bullseye at 250 Yards Kills Nazi; Frees Yanks

WITH THE 79TH DIVISION OF THE 7TH ARMY, in France and Germany.—A bullseye at 250 yards on the rifle range is a fair shot. But when your target at the same distance is a live Nazi shepherding two American prisoners back to his lines, you can't afford to miss. And Sgt. Frank M. Keyes, of Company "F," 315th Infantry Regiment and Knobel, Ark., didn't.

Keyes, on patrol, spotted the trio from his vantage point atop a high ridge. The squarehead, sensing that other Americans were in the area, shrewdly placed himself between his prisoners. Keyes held his fire for several seconds, hoping that at least one of the GIs would stumble or that the Nazi would shorten

his stride. When neither of these possibilities occurred, he carefully checked his sights, tested the wind, and drew a bead.

"I just told myself that this was another shot on the 250-yard range at Camp Joseph T. Robinson," he added, "and squeezed one off."

The jerry spun and staggered, but did not fall. While the alert GIs broke and ran like rabbits for their own lines, the Arkansan squeezed off another round. This time the German fell and moved no more. Witnesses: members of Keyes' patrol and two "repatriated" prisoners who had to be forcibly restrained from their enthusiastic backslapping of the modest expert rifleman.

## Men Leave Combat and Become Cooks, Clerks, Bakers, Barbers

**ALLIED FORCE HEADQUARTERS, Italy.**—Where Mussolini once drilled elite Blackshirts, thousands of American troops are going through battle maneuvers to prepare for front line action. The Duce's expansive training center is already serving the Mediterranean Theater conversion program that draws and trains them as infantrymen. Future infantrymen also come from rear echelon ranks where reclassified ex-combat men are taking over as cooks, clerks, barbers and bakers.

The new program is the result of a directive issued by Lt. Gen. Joseph T. McNarney, Deputy Supreme Commander, Mediterranean Theater, that every able-bodied soldier in the theater not absolutely essential to other services be converted to infantry.

Brig. Gen. L. C. Jaynes is Commanding General of Replacement Command.

Men who came to Africa in 1943 with the 536th Anti-Aircraft Battalion know what it is to see something through to a finish. They fought on the islands of Gozo, Mal-

ta and Sicily; through Italy by way of Anzio to Pisa. Ack-ack men, engineers and even infantrymen at times in the past, they now haul supplies to the 5th Army front as a Quartermaster Trucking Company.

A Peninsular Base Section salvage unit has in the past three months reclaimed 1,500,000 pounds of clothing in the Mediterranean theater.

Running day and night, three eight-hour shifts, an Ordnance shop in Italy is rebuilding thousands of tires destined for further front line use. Mediterranean theater officers say the work of the 429th Ordnance Tire Repair Company is almost immeasurable.

Rolling a record number of vehicles off a 24-hour-a-day assembly line recently won distinction for a Peninsular Base Section Ordnance unit. The Commanding General of the 92nd Infantry Division commended the unit for equipping his entire forces and a Brazilian regiment with trucks, jeeps and big guns in only 18 days.

## Negro Unit Rebuilds Bridge; Dedicate It to Fallen Comrades

WITH U. S. FORCES IN FRANCE.—A huge railway viaduct connecting the railyards at the rebuilt French port of Rouen with the main rail line between Cherbourg and Paris was dedicated recently to two Negro soldiers, the first casualties in France of the Negro unit, which put the viaduct back into operation.

Maj. Gen. C. B. Moore, chief engineer of the U. S. Army in the area, delivered the dedicatory address at a ceremony attended by high military and civil officials of the United States, England and France.

## Boxer Is Inducted

FORT LEWIS, Wash. — Joey Sloan, 23, Spokane featherweight, who slugged his way through 30 fights to wind up with the Pacific Coast championship, has been inducted into the Army.

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# Conant Calls for Revised GI Bill

CAMBRIDGE, Mass. — Revision of the GI Bill of Rights to assure professional training at government expense for veterans of exceptional ability is urged by James B. Conant, president of Harvard University, in his annual report to the Board of Overseers.

Declaring that the weak spot in the GI Bill is that it bases educational opportunity on length of military service rather than on "demonstrated ability," President Conant warned that unless the war gap in the education of future leaders is rapidly filled serious consequences will result.

"We shall pay heavily as a nation in the years to come" if leaders in scholarship, research, medicine, law and other fields are not developed, the Harvard president declared.

President Conant said that the GI Bill should be revised to provide education for "a carefully selected group; the length and types of such education to be related to the national educational deficit caused by the war."

The present law, he said, does not represent the desires of the educational institutions of the country in its most important feature—the allocation of the amount of education opportunity.

"Unless the law is subsequently modified all our colleges, universities and technical schools will have heavy responsibilities when the wave of demobilized veterans hits our education system," Conant said.

"Unless high standards of per-

formances can be maintained in spite of sentimental pressure and financial temptations, we may find the least capable among the war generation, instead of the most capable, flooding the facilities for advanced education in the United States."

President Conant said that returning servicemen with the best intellectual equipment and initiative would probably be those most dissatisfied with academic formalities and tempted to go directly into outside work. To get these men for professional training, he said, it might be necessary to eliminate some formal credit requirements, provide an intensified year-round program of study and telescope college and professional studies.

## New Weapon Case for Paratroopers

WASHINGTON.—A case in which paratroopers may carry a M-1 rifle or any type of carbine or sub-machine gun, has been developed by the Quartermaster Corps, the War Department has announced.

The new case will replace the existing Army Air Force container, which, however, will continue to be issued until the supply is exhausted, and will render obsolete the former scabbard for the .30-caliber carbine. Issue of the new case will not begin until stocks on hand of the Army Air Force container have been exhausted.

## Capture 19 Nazis Without Shooting

WITH THE 5TH ARMY, Italy.—Using an Italian farmer as go-between, Lt. Fred B. Gotter, of North Hollywood, Cal., and Pvt. Arthur Schneider, of Beaver Dam, Wis., fighting with the 91st "Powder River" Division, induced 19 Germans to surrender without firing a shot on the 5th Army front in northern Italy recently.

While advancing up Highway 65, Gotter and Schneider were told by an Italian that a score of Germans were barricaded inside his house. The platoon left the highway and crossed the fields to investigate.

While the rest of the men covered the house, Schneider and Gotter approached and the Italian went ahead to tell the enemy to surrender. As they neared the house, a German, bearing the Red Cross flag, stepped out, followed by 18 more "Kamerading" Nazis.

## Captured American Gun Used by Japs on Leyte

THOMASVILLE, Ga.—American troops invading Leyte Island as General MacArthur opened his campaign to retake the Philippines were opposed in many sectors by Japs using captured American equipment taken from the old Bataan and Corregidor strongholds, according to the first combat-wounded patients from that action arriving at Finney General Hospital.

The patients—Pvt. Jesse Barr, of Bristol, Va., and T/5 Clemens D. Manista, of Wilmington, Del.—both told of American machine guns and rifles, and some artillery weapons, littering the island as the Yanks pushed the Jap defenders into the

mills and annihilated them in furious fighting which took place before Leyte was liberated.

It was Private Barr's first combat action. He had gone overseas May, 1944, trained in Hawaii, and then joined the 7th Division for the invasion.

"When we overran the Jap positions on the beach at Leyte, we found four heavy machine guns of our own, which the Japs had taken back in early 1942 when we lost the Philippines," Barr said.

A TOTAL of \$61,192 was saved administrative costs at Camp Blanding, Fla., by the inauguration of the "Ideas for Victory" plan among civilian employees.

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## Technique of Jungle War Described by Army Expert

SOMEWHERE IN NEW GUINEA.—The technique of jungle war as acquired the hard way—through actual experience—is outlined simply and effectively in a mimeographed booklet, "Jungle Fighting," written by Capt. Stan W. Carlson, Headquarters, 123rd Infantry.

Describing the technique necessary for successful combat or reconnaissance missions, "Jungle Fighting" advises the infantryman to respect the jungle, but not to fear it. It stresses both the dangers of the jungle and the enemy and warns the GIs that their own and other lives often depend upon how they conduct themselves.

"Never stand still after a sniper opens up—if you do you're a dead

duck," is one pertinent piece of advice.

Illustrated profusely by Pvt. Norman D. Weeks, also of the 123rd Infantry, the booklet advises on care of equipment, health precautions, patrolling, intelligence, security and defense and various other matters of real interest to the jungle infantrymen.

The Japanese soldier and Japanese tactics are the subjects of lengthy paragraphs and the booklet warns repeatedly against taking chances.

"Be alert for enemy ruses. Be alert for false surrenders. Never go out in the open to get a prisoner—let him come to you. Be alert when dealing with captured or wounded Japs" are a few of the warnings contained in the 34-page booklet.

"The Jap is not a superman. Do not underestimate him at any time but by the same token, do not overrate him either. The Japs are super-fanatics in a military sense. They have no regard for their own lives. A clear-thinking American soldier can outsmart a Jap every time."

In a foreword by Brig. Gen. Donald J. Myers, "Jungle Fighting" is recommended to "careful consideration and study by every infantryman."

## Jeeps Serve As Engines in Luzon

LUZON.—Ingenious Yanks were not frustrated when they noted a lack of engines on the narrow-gauge San Fernando-Manila railroad.

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## Blanding Dentists Make Fine Records

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# Army Gets Tough with Pro Athletes

## 5,000 Yanks Playing Loop Game in Britain

LONDON.—Greatest basketball tournament in history is scheduled for March 7-9 when 16 quint will compete for the United Kingdom championship.

These 16 teams will be survivors of approximately 2000 clubs now participating in district and base leagues in which no less than 25,000 service men have taken part. The teams represent service depots, carrier commands, air service transport commands and Navy Red Cross units.

American units have so popularized the cage sport that 150 British clubs and hangars, produce markets, Home Guard drill halls and manner of auditoriums have been turned into basketball courts. Competition has been under way for weeks, and Britishers have gone daffy over basketball that it has completely supplanted netball in their affection.

Play in Historic Hall  
Plans have been completed for

## Ray Mangrum Blasts Par, Wins \$1000

TUCSON, Ariz.—Shooting a record-breaking six-under-par 64 on the last 18 holes of the \$5000 Tucson open golf tournament, Ray Mangrum came from behind to upstage the favorites by one stroke.

His 72-hole score was 268, 12 under par.

Byron Nelson faltered on the last hole, after being ahead by two strokes. He shot a 67 for second money. Jim Gauntt, an unknown, took third with 271.

First place was worth \$1000. Second carried \$700 and third, \$500. McSpaden settled for fourth, and Sammy Snead and Willie Groen split fifth.

Mangrum shot sensational golf in the last day. His opening card was 66, for a day's total of 130. Nelson took a penalty shot on the 18th hole.

## Dodds Runs Last Race

BOSTON.—Gil Dodds, the Flying Preacher, easily won a two-mile race on the small balcony track of the Y. M. C. A. and then hung up his spikes for keeps.

Although his time was slow, 4:48, was a fitting place to call an end to his pounding the boards. It was on this track that Dodds first won a major race.

Dodds has completed his theological studies and will go to Los Angeles to join a Gospel group. His joggling in the future will be ease off training.

The good wishes of the sports world goes with the Flying Preacher. Few runners have had as little natural ability but as much courage. With no natural speed Dodds made and broke records by setting a stiff, unrelenting pace in hopes that the lead would be sufficient to hold off the finishing kick of his rivals.

## Sammy and Byron Will Swap Shots for Wounded Vets

WASHINGTON.—A 72-hole challenge golf battle will match Byron Nelson, top pro shotmaker of '44, and Slammin' Sammy Snead, current hot shot, on a New York links this spring.

It is expected that the match will raise \$100,000 for the PGA rehabilitation program for wounded soldiers.

the championship tournament to be played in Albert Hall, scene of all classy expositions at which royalty was in evidence. With its plush seats and rich decorations, Albert Hall as the playing spot for basketball is comparable with staging the American national championship in Carnegie Hall or the Metropolitan Opera House in New York.

The elite of London already has made inquiry for seats at the quint title matches, and there's even a hint that the King and Queen may occupy the royal box.

Among the standout teams are the troop carrier Pipers, with sharp-shooting Cpl. Glen Brown of Calvin College, Grand Rapids, Mich. The Pipers took the base crown in Sicily and have won 128 in 135 starts in three seasons.

## Warren Star Has 19 Pts. Per Game Scoring Average

FORT WARREN, Wyo.—Pvt. Ermer Robinson, sharp-shooting, one-hand push shot expert on the Fort Warren cage team, has scored 267 points this season to pass the record of Stan McWilliams, of College of the Pacific, leading collegiate point-maker, according to tabulation by Associated Press.

Robinson has an average of 19 points per game in 14 contests, while McWilliams has tallied 254 points in 13 tilts.

## Iowa Leads Basketball Race; Skyscrapers Set Scoring Pace

WASHINGTON.—Basketball continues to be a game for the tall boys. If the 10 leading scorers were laid end to end they would stretch 62½ feet, although Oklahoma's 5-foot, 5-inch Harold Hines whacks down the average.

Only two are under the 6-foot mark, while Bob Kurland hits an even 7 feet and George Mikan, 6, 9.

These giants have contributed to the winning streaks of a number of teams, but Iowa, with none of the top scorers, has become the team to beat.

With nine straight victories the Iowa Hawkeyes are setting the pace, but face keen competition from Army, Navy, De Pauw, St. John's, Notre Dame and Tennessee.

## Nylon Pants to Feature Post-War Football Garb

CHICAGO.—Fiber-glass jerseys, nylon pants and rubber-foam pads will feature wearing equipment for the post-war football player and will reduce weight and increase safety, according to the nation's top athletic goods manufacturers.

Better and faster football, with fewer injuries, is expected to result when the new equipment is ready, authorities believe. Lighter-weight helmets, kidney pads and thigh guards are also planned to reduce the players' equipment from its present weight of 18 pounds to less than ten.

Two manufacturers, Spalding and Goldsmith, are already engaged in experimenting with the new equipment.

"Equipment made from new material, while lighter in weight, also will offer the player greater protection and will tend to protect opponents from injury," Phil Gold-



"KID SNUFFY," a sizeable bear, came to the rescue when Cpl. Don H. Gerber, middleweight Golden Gloves representative at Eagle Pass Field, was troubled by lack of sparring partners. "Kid Snuffy" possesses a primitive roundhouse right, and Corporal Gerber has improved his footwork remarkably. Gerber is entered in the San Antonio tournament next month.

—AAF Photo

so tough they are having trouble finding competition.

Other fine khaki and blue-clad teams include Valley Forge Naval Hospital, New York District Coast Guard, Norfolk Naval Training, Great Lakes, Camp Ellis, Keesler Field, Bainbridge, Fort Belvoir, Bolling Field, St. Mary's Pre-Flight, San Diego Marines, Jacksonville Navy, Alameda Coast Guard, Fort Warren, Lincoln Air Base and Buckley Field to mention just a few.

The competition is so keen that many are proposing that some kind of a national armed forces tournament be arranged along the lines of the national tournaments conducted each year in New York.

## Majors Will Dip Into Legion Ball

CHICAGO.—Professional baseball will be permitted to dip into the American Legion junior baseball circuits for talent this year.

Leslie O'Connor said that "in view of existing conditions" major and minor league clubs could contact American Legion players between Feb. 5 and June 1 for professional service.

## Double-Check Ordered on All Rejectees

WASHINGTON.—"Where do we go from here?" wartime pro sports have been asking ever since James Byrnes turned the ponies out to pasture—and now they know.

Most of the athletes will go into the armed forces and sports, if they survive, will be even more minor in type of play.

The Army came pretty close to finishing what Byrnes started by announcing "professional athletes no longer will be rejected for service in the Army on grounds of physical disability until all the facts have been reviewed by the War Department."

Under the new set-up such cases will be forwarded by the Armed Forces Induction Station to the Adjutant General, accompanied by all pertinent information which has been used as a basis for the proposed rejection.

The War Department pointed out the inconsistency of rejecting an athlete for an ailment which is not sufficiently serious to prevent him from participating in professional games and sports.

Through the first two years of the war sports fans didn't question the rejection of athletes. However, unfavorable comment increased with the Sammy Baugh case drawing a storm of protest last fall. Baugh had agreed to work his Texas ranch through the week and play ball on Sunday in order to retain his 2-A draft rating. It involved two hard-to-get plane trips each week. Near the end of the season he devoted all his time to football.

The Army's blow landed just when baseball and racing executives were mapping future plans. Baseballers had hoped to work out arrangements so that physically unfit men could continue to play without breaking work-or-fight rules.

Sports people pointed out that the new rule would sweep the professional fields clean. The announcement deals specifically with pros—but many feel college sports will be next.

A few sportsmen insisted the ruling was discriminatory. The majority agreed that it was necessary and indicated that they were willing to cooperate.

Some pointed out that in fairness to the athletes concerned it should be stressed that their rejection in the past had not been their fault—but had been the responsibility of doctors at induction stations.

This new ruling completes the War Department program concerning individuals in the lime-light. It had previously announced its policy of passing on all cases involving the discharge of prominent athletes or stage, screen and radio stars.

## Crowned Champion Without a Fight

CAMP BEALE, Calif.—Al Hart, 225-pound giant from Camp Ross, Los Angeles, was crowned heavyweight champion of the 9th Service Command here without putting on a glove when all four competitors withdrew following first-round bouts.

## Turf Ban Puts Accent on Class

WASHINGTON.—Many horsemen, who have long contended that horses are run when too young, are going to have their theories tested if the racing ban is continued for a year.

This group of trainers and owners have maintained that the stiff 2-year-old races ruin too many horses. The early Kentucky Derby date has been criticized as it forces a 3-year-old to go a long distance under a load early in the spring.

This layoff may benefit these young hot-bloods as well as hand-

cap horses, who have been kept in training for a long time.

During the layoff a weeding-out process is a certainty with the emphasis on quality foals rather than number. During recent years breeding has been expanded at a dizzy clip.

The need for quality is emphasized when one realizes that out of 15,000 2-year-olds started each season an average of less than 20 horses of all classes are rated as handicappers.

The increase in breeding for

quantity instead of quality is due to the amazing prosperity around sales rings during 1943 and 1944. For example William Helis paid \$66,000 for Pericles, which has never raced.

On the other hand a number of old-timers, who have made regular trips to the winner's circle, will probably never hear a bugle again. Old platers like Molasses Bill and Buck Langhorne will have a chance to ease their aching bones of 12 winters.





—Signal Corps Photo

"WHAT NEXT?" asks S/Sgt. Bertram T. Beagle, of Missoula, Mont., as he's put to work stitching snow camouflage on a German sewing machine captured in Hurtgen Forest, Germany. Sergeant Beagle is believed to be the oldest combat infantryman in service. A veteran of the Mexican Border Campaign in 1916 and the 1st World War, he received an Expert Infantryman Badge at the age of 52 when he was still in the United States.

## SPORTS CHAT

STEWART FIELD, N. Y.—With the chips down, the count knotted and only seconds to go, it's a matter of habit with cagers here to whip the ball to Bricktop Wright. And there's a reason. The lean, sinewy, 38-year-old scoring ace of the Air-men, Cpl. Walter Wright, of Section F, has been a star at basketball for 24 years, turning pro in '33 and playing with such famous Negro teams as George Gregory's Lions, Chicago Globe Trotters, Harlem Yankees and Washington Bears. He was guard for the Bears when they copped the 42-43 world's pro title.

SHEPPARD FIELD, Tex.—Pvt. Sid Kimmelman, of "Texacts" sports staff, who during his career has witnessed great heavyweight fights, baseball World's Series games, and grid and basketball tourneys, says none of these events carried the thrill given him by his pal, Pvt. Harry Hornick. Kimmelman went to the airport and was taken up "merely for ballast" in a Piper Cub. When the ride was over, Kimmelman announced he'd confine his thrills to watching the athletes.

ALEXANDRIA FIELD, La. —



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FOOTBALL AND TENNIS star at West Point, where he graduated with the Class of '31, Lt. Col. M. M. Magee, of Washington, D. C., and San Antonio, Tex., has been overseas nearly three years, serving in New Caledonia, Guadalcanal, the Fiji Islands and Bougainville. Holder of the Legion of Merit, Bronze Star Medal and Presidential Unit Citation, Colonel Magee is now Chief of Staff to Maj. Gen. William H. Arnold, Commanding General of the American Infantry Division.

While the mid-season Central Louisiana championship basketball game between Camp Claiborne and Alexandria Field was highly exciting, with Claiborne winning, 50-47, there was a "Victory Angle" to the affair, pleasing to the 1500 home-fans. Between halves, gold medals were presented by Col. Quentin T. Quick, commanding officer, to players of the Air Field baseball team for winning the Second Air Force championship last summer.

CAMP MAXEY, Tex. — More than 100 men are expected to compete in the District Golden Gloves boxing tournament, according to Cpl. Peter Geraci, in charge of the competition for the camp and the IARTC special service offices. Final bouts are scheduled for next Monday.

FORT GEORGE MEADE, Md.—Sergeant Golembeck, E-9, field cadetman, former heavyweight boxing champion of 3rd Rgt., former college football backfield ace and named on several "all" teams in his final year at Elon College, N. C., in 1940, played a "double star" role recently. After a hard game at center for his quint team, Sergeant Golembeck went to the News-Post Variety Show and gave a violin concert and then directed the dance band. Golembeck, who was at Pearl Harbor Dec. 7, 1941, served in the Pacific theater for 30 months.

ABERDEEN PROVING GROUND, Md.—"Flaming Bomb" reports that men are almost willing to "break a leg" in order to be included in the reconditioning program at the Station Hospital. Aside from the fact that the facilities for every sport are included, it could also be because the boys are being trained and directed by these noted coaches: S/Sgt. Ben Scharnus, Bomber star, and Buddy Garcia, famed APG slugger. Trainee stars include Pvt. David R. Spicer, former Colgate grid flash; Pvt. John Carley, AAU disc champ; Cpl. Wallace Dayton, former USC basketball star; Pvt. Allen Gogret, UNH grid and diamond man; Pvt. Howard Alderson, who tore up the cinders at Penn State, and Sgt. Pete Krush, football and baseball star from Illinois State Normal.

### Bell Rings Bell

FORT HAMILTON, N. Y.—Fredrick T. Bell, of Civilian Personnel, made a record by ringing the bell three times in one month, getting three cash awards for suggestions.

## Silver Wings on Wac Engineer Puzzle MPs

HEADQUARTERS, EUROPEAN DIVISION, Air Transport Command.—Here is one woman who has taken on a man-sized job for the duration. The Air Transport Command boasts of the Wac aerial engineer in the European theater in the person of a pretty, blue-eyed blonde, Pfc. E. Jane Windham, 23, of San Antonio, Tex.

Because she wears the silver wings of a flight crew member, Jane is constantly stopped in the streets and buildings by military police and other Army personnel and questioned on her authority for wearing wings. She is classified as an aircraft maintenance technician and worked on B-17s and B-24s at an ATC Ferrying Division base in Montana before coming overseas more than a month ago. She is proud of her record of never losing a plane due to failure of engines she worked on and inspected.

Jane has flown many times as aerial engineer on ferried aircraft from Montana to Fairbanks, Alaska, a hazardous route with planes encountering blizzards, thunderstorms, fogs, severe icing and ceiling zero in the mountains. These planes were later ferried from Alaska to Russia by Russian pilots and used against Germany. She has also made numerous cross-country flights from Montana and the State of Washington to Florida on ferried bombers scheduled for delivery to other theaters of war.

Jane comes from a family of fliers. She has five adopted brothers—all war orphans from World

War I. Each one holds a civilian pilot's license. One brother, a navigator on an ATC transport plane operating in the India-China Division, lost his life while flying over the dangerous Himalaya Mountains.

Jane also holds a civilian pilot's license and is credited with 349 flying hours.

Before entering the service more



PFC. JANE B. WINDHAM

than a year ago, she was director of flying training of the Wing of Women Fliers—a civilian organization which trained women pilots, many of whom later joined the WASP.

Jane attended the University of California for three years, majoring in aeronautical engineering.

At present Pfc. Windham is assigned to the Air Inspector's Office of the ATC's European Division, commanded by Brig. Gen. Earl S. Hoag.

## Work-Jail Decision Near

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an obvious bid for farm-bloc support, the Military Committee on Wednesday wrote into the bill specific protection for the Tydings amendment to the Selective Service law governing deferment of essential farm workers. The bill now specifies that nothing in the compulsory work law shall in any way affect the Tydings provision of existing law on farm deferments.

The committee provided that men between 18 and 45 sent outside their county to take a war job will receive transportation costs and will be made eligible for benefits of the Soldiers' and Sailors' Civil Relief Act, permitting postponement of debts during the war, if their financial condition makes it necessary; and give them the same seniority rights for return to their old jobs that is accorded servicemen by the Selective Service law.

An anti-strike amendment offered by Congressman Winstead (D. Miss.), was rejected by the committee, but Winstead said he may offer it again when the bill reaches

## Shatter Reich

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phant advance continues with little resistance, except for Jap pressure on the left flank.

Yank forces are now only 50 airline miles from Manila, and the 14th Corps is in control of sections of Clark Field.

In China the Japs are strengthening points in Chukiang province, apparently to prevent anticipated American landings on the China Coast south of Shanghai.

British troops have made advances in various sections of Burma, with gains on the Myittha, Chindwin, Irawaddy and coastal fronts.

## Medal of Honor Holder Directs Pinellas Field

ST. PETERSBURG, Fla.—Col. James H. Howard, of St. Louis, who won the Medal of Honor for his single-handed attack on 30 Nazi fighters over Germany and who distinguished himself as a member of General Chennault's Flying Tigers in China, has assumed command of Pinellas Army Air Field.

Colonel Howard succeeded Col. Romulus Puryear, who has become chief of staff of the 3rd Fighter Command at MacDill Field, Fla.

## Yank Hunters Fail In Deer Quests But Deer Pays 'em Call

WITH THE 3RD DIVISION OF 7TH ARMY IN FRANCE.—Returning disgusted and empty-handed from a deer hunt, three youthful hunters of the 7th Infantry Regiment were sitting in a house near the CP when a soft rustling at the door brought them all to their feet.

S/Sgt. Leonard R. Grimes, Payette, Ida., went cautiously to the door, opened it carefully, and there, staring him in the face, was a young deer.

"We didn't have the heart to shoot it," said T/4 Woodrow Howe, Bristol, Ind., so Sergeants Grimes and Howe, along with Pvt. Henry Stegnerski, of Chester, Pa., brought the young deer in, fed it, and then turned it loose.

## To Assure Jobs

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except where the performance of such work by some other method is necessary by reason of special circumstances."

Conversely, if the estimated aggregate volume of prospective investment and expenditure is well beyond that required to assure a full employment volume of production, the President is directed to set forth in his budget a general program for preventing inflationary economic dislocations.

Senator Murray explained that the "right to a job" does not imply that the government would assure to any individual a specific job at a set salary, and a set social standard by reason of type of employment.

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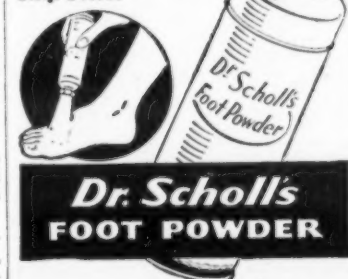


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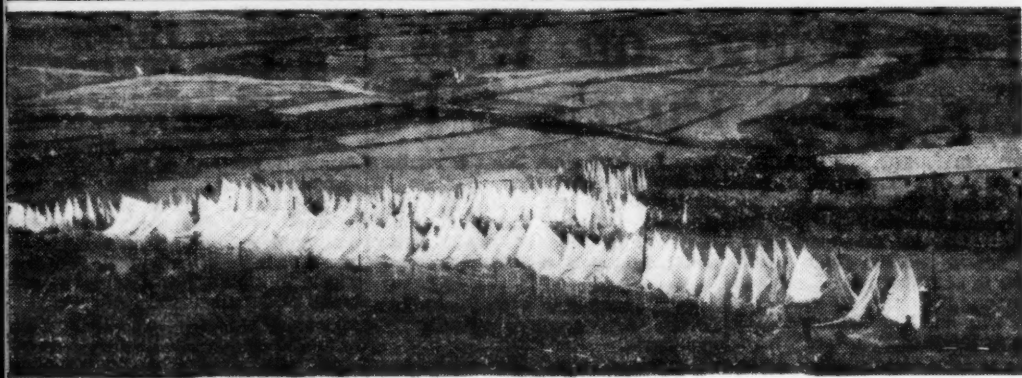
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DRYING AIR DROP PARACHUTES ON SALWEEN FRONT

## Battlefield Above the Clouds Kept Supplied by Parachute

Y FORCE OPERATIONS STAFF, China Theater.—In the wake of the slow-flying green transport the parachutes billowed out, their handles swaying pendulum-like from the shroud lines. Four, five, six of them mushroomed whitely against the brilliant blue sky before the plane had passed entirely over the air-dropping target.

On the ground the tiny figures of Chinese soldiers and coolies crouched to and fro, collecting the supplies and dragging them to one place, in order to clear the target before the plane could complete a second circle to drop again.

Air supply has been a vital factor in the Salween Campaign—the first sustained Chinese offensive against the Japanese in seven long years of war.

Fought in the Kaoli Kung Mountain Range, a spur of the mighty Himalayas, in the initial phase of the offensive this battlefield above the clouds was accessible on the ground only by a few steep, narrow trails.

Heavy monsoon rains turned the trails to glassy-slickness, where a slip of coolie or pack animal meant most certain death on the bottom of a gorge thousands of feet below. Other paths became roaring mountain streams, or were churned to a mire of knee-deep, clinging mud.

It was, obviously, utterly impossible to supply adequately by ground means the forces required to drive the Japs from their strongly fortified bastions among the 12,000-foot peaks.

The idea of air supply was not novel. Troops in the jungles of Burma had been supplied by plane, at while a dropping space cut into

the jungle would be easily apparent from the air, a flat area in the rugged Kaoli Kung was a rarity and difficult to locate among the jagged peaks.

### Had to Seek Target

The monsoon rains were about to begin, and a heavy fog lay over the Salween River almost every morning. Some of the area in which the battles were fought were never completely cloudless and it would be necessary for the pilot to find a gap through the clouds before he could search for his dropping target.

Only the planning stage for the air-dropping operation had been reached at the end of April, and the campaign was scheduled to start on May 11.

Two weeks was enough. By the time the Chinese Expeditions Force and its Y Force advisers and technicians crossed the Salween in their American-supplied rubber assault boats, the Y-Force Air-Dropping Detachment was prepared.

### Raincoats Life Savers

As the campaign progressed, the efficiency of the Y-Force Air-Dropping Detachment improved; 10,000 American raincoats, dropped to troops suffering terribly from a combination of monsoon rains and the high altitudes of the Kaoli Kung, saved thousands of Chinese troops from death by exposure and permitted them to continue the offensive.

Bullets and rice, the basic needs of the fighting Chinese, were, of course, the two principal items dropped. However, requests have come in for all sorts of odd items, and each request has been fulfilled, if at all possible.

The most difficult single item to

deliver were the hydrogen cylinders for flame-throwers. Their odd shape, heavy weight and their slipperiness caused considerable difficulty in packing until a system of wrapping in rope nets was devised.

Because the cylinders are heavier than the average load, two parachutes were attached instead of the usual one.

Gasoline for various purposes was at first dropped in five-gallon cans, with four cans in a three-foot-high wicker basket packed with grass. However, experiment proved a 55-gallon drum about half-full and wrapped in a rope net delivered more gas and saved equipment.

### Toilet Paper Priority

On one occasion, toilet paper held first priority. Radios and other technical equipment have been dropped, as well as half-pound blocks of TNT wrapped in burlap, to be used for demolition purposes.

In one sector of the Y-Force area ballots for the election were dropped in small parachutes to Americans a month's pack trip from the nearest postoffice.

Rice, salt and beans for the horses are free-dropped. The rice and beans are wrapped loosely in three burlap bags, so that even contact with a sharp rock is not likely to pierce all of the wrappings and allow the contents to escape.

Seventy-five pounds of salt, with two 12½-pound cylinders to a bag, is dropped for each 5000 pounds of rice. Experiments have determined that the rice bags survive the shock of contact best if limited to a 35-pound weight.

Three sizes of parachutes are used. The large 22-foot chute, American-made, can carry up to 300 pounds, and is, therefore, used occasionally for heavy loads.

The parachute used for most of the dropping is an 18-foot Indian-made cotton chute, which carries from 120 to 150 pounds.

The small pigeon-parachute, developed to drop pigeon cages, is only six feet in diameter and carries about 35 pounds. It is used principally to drop small items to American personnel.

All American equipment or supplies of any size or weight are dropped in chutes daubed with blue dye, the smears of color being easily apparent as soon as the chute opens.

## 3rd Division Fought 231 Days During 1944

HEADQUARTERS, European Theater of Operations.—During 231 days of combat in 1944, the 3rd Division proved for all time its defensive and offensive fighting abilities in four bloody months on the Anzio beachhead, in the liberation of Rome and in the 500-mile push across France to the German frontier.

Painting a new and bright page in the history of the division, the men of the 3rd withstood the successive attacks of four Nazi divisions which were ordered to wipe out the American beachhead at Anzio. From dusk on January 23 to May 23, when the division moved on towards Cisterna, the Nazi attacks were stopped and pushed back.

Marching on Cisterna, the 3rd Division wiped out an entire German regiment, captured the commanding officer and the city and then launched the attack to cut Highway 6.

On the first day of June the men of the 3rd drove for the Valmontone line to crash through the elite Herman Goering Division to the town, and in one day Highway 6 was taken. Then began the March on Rome, and on June 4 the first Axis capital fell.

That marked the beginning of a

10-day period, during which the 3rd Division was the Cinderella of the Allied Armies' garrison troops in Rome, but the interval was brief, and before the end of the month the 3rd was back in the Naples area beginning preparations for landing in southern France.

Hitting the beach of St. Tropez, France, on August 15, the 3rd took more than 1000 prisoners in 24 hours and began a foot race that carried to Avignon and the Rhone River, then north toward the armies which had broken out of Normandy.

The great fortress city of Besancon fell in two days, although the Germans had moved an entire fresh division into the city and its surrounding forts. The garrison was wiped out and seven great forts taken.

After Besancon, Nazi resistance stiffened before the Vosges Mountains, and during October the division advanced slowly and bloodily yard by yard. On the 20th the Mortagne River was crossed and the advance speeded up.

The stage was set early in November for the final breakthrough of the Germans' winter Vosges line and to clear all enemy resistance from this side of the Rhine River. While part of the division was taken out of the line, the 15th company patrolled along the Meurthe and kept the enemy off balance.

Two elements of the 3rd walked across four footbridges, put across right under the Germans' noses, and at dawn on November 20 the American attack began from the east side of the Meurthe. Seven days after the attack began the division moved into Strasbourg in trucks and relieved troops of the 2nd French Armored Division. The Watch on the Rhine had begun.

### Danger Ahead!

TUSCALOOSA, Ala.—"Dress Right!" barked out the first sergeant in the direction of Pfc. J. C. Clark, of Bonifay, Fla., recuperating at Northington General Hospital from 15 wounds received in France.

"How can I on 50 bucks a month?" squeaked back Private Clark.



—Signal Corps Photo

SAD-FACED is Adolph Hitler as he surveys the ravages of war in an undesignated town, surrounded by Nazi officers and civilians. Date of this photograph, made from a German film captured by the U. S. Army Signal Corps on the Western front, is unknown.

## Goins Toughest When Going's Roughest; He's Awarded DSC

WITH ARMY FORCES IN FRANCE.—Pfc. Earl C. Goins, of Co. 70th Division's 317th Infantry Regiment, is eloquent proof that military ability isn't a matter of rank. The 23-year-old Ashboro, N. C., soldier has many times distinguished himself under fire and grateful Government has seen fit to award him America's second highest military decoration, the Distinguished Service Cross.

In his own Company he's a legend and his comrades say, "When the going's roughest, Goins' toughest!" Planky, slow-drawing, easy sort of guy, Goins is a terror with a Browning Automatic Rifle.

At Argentan, France, when his company was halted by raking German machine-gun fire from a strong concealed position, single-handed and with complete disregard for his personal safety, Goins attacked the Nazi nest with such speed, fury and accuracy of fire that it was totally

destroyed.

During another action he distinguished himself when his platoon was ambushed by the Germans while returning from a forward observation post. As the platoon deployed to meet the attack, Goins fearlessly advanced on the enemy in an upright position, firing his twenty-two pound automatic rifle from his shoulder. He killed a Nazi machine-gunner and routed the remainder of the group, covering the withdrawal of his companions.

### CIGARETTE SHORTAGE OVERSEAS— (From The National Legionnaire)

—By Wallgren



"WALLY," the humor of whose cartoons in World War I won him pre-eminence as the depicter of the laugh-background of men in the trenches, has wielded his pen to portray a bit of fun occasioned among GIs through the cigarette shortage overseas. The cartoon appeared in a recent issue of The National Legionnaire.

### Adopt Orphaned Lad

WITH THE 1ST INFANTRY DIVISION, France.—Eighteen Yanks the Counter Intelligence Detachment have contributed 20,000 francs to the War Orphan fund to take care of a little French lad, orphaned in the battered but liberated city of Brest. This fund will keep the boy five years.



## Cartoonist Joshes Army Life

CAMP BLANDING, Fla.—A cartoonist, who thanks the Army for providing his first opportunity to joke in sketches as a regular habit, is youthful Sgt. "Jerry" Chamberlain, newest regular feature artist for Army Times.

Well known for his distinctive cartoon style in both Camp Bland-



Sgt. "Jerry" Chamberlain

ing's "Report" and "Bayonet," Sergeant Chamberlain has drawn since youth, studying first from his artist cousin, following up by six years with Dallas Art Institute, specializing in pastel drawings.

Sergeant Chamberlain attended the University of Texas, having completed high school in Dallas, where he drew as a hobby for the high school publication.

Then came the Army, and with it a field of ideas—joshing Army life—and a regular market in the Army papers.

"Red," as he is familiarly called, entered the Army in Sept., 1942,



"I said—congratulations—I see you made Corporal—"

coming to Blanding after station at Camp Walters, Tex. Now with Company A of the 229th Infantry Training Battalion, he has used his skill in work with training aids, both with the 224th and 229th Battalions.

On the side, he draws for the

Camp and the IRTC weeklies, and his lean, chinless characters have kept the entire post in stitches. Probably the most popular of his efforts was a cartoon showing two GI skeletons, with thumbs still pointing, in one of the "Give a Soldier a Ride" stations beside a road.

## Now Commands Group in Which He Was Pvt

ATLANTIC CITY, N. J.—From a buck private of the 20th Fighter Group to a full colonel and commanding officer of the same outfit in England eight years later is the record of Col. Harold J. Rau. It probably cannot be duplicated anywhere in the AAF.

Colonel Rau's pursuit group, one of three to be activated in pre-war days, also has a proud, unequalled record for locomotive destruction. In this phase of dealing out body blows to the enemy—shortly before and after D-Day—the 20th destroyed over 300 to carry top rating.

The 34-year-old colonel, who flew

B-17s and B-19s on antisubmarine patrol before switching to fighter planes, has reported to the AAF Requisition Station No. 1 for reassignment.

### Married to WAC

Colonel Rau's distinctions are many and varied. He led a fighter escort from England to Russia, Italy and met his wife near Naples. She is T/5 Alice E. Rau, one of the first Wacs to be landed on North Africa, who moved up from there to Italy and who is now in France.

"She was surprised to see me," said Colonel Rau, who is given to understatement. "I was surprised myself. She had just moved up. I thought she was still in North Africa and had only her APO number for a clue."

Colonel Rau enlisted on Jan. 1929, and his enlisted time as a private spanned seven years. From 1932 to 1936 he was with the 20th Pursuit Group before going to Randolph Field for air crew training. The following year he received his reserve commission.

For four years, one over the Caribbean in search of subs, he piloted heavy bombers, and then returned to the States for further training as a fighter pilot. In September, 1941, he led a P-47 group to England, was later transferred to wing operations and in March, 1944, after eight years, rejoined his old outfit as its commanding officer, becoming a full colonel in July.

In his first four months as Commanding Officer of the 20th, Colonel Rau found the twin-engine P-38 extremely adaptable for strafing and dive-bombing and had his men concentrate on the heavily armed locomotives bringing up supplies.

"I don't want to exaggerate," said Colonel Rau, "but as I remember we destroyed 360 and claimed 400 to 500 more as damaged."

## Courage Plus Is Mac Asset

SEATTLE.—"No slit trench for General MacArthur when Jap bombs are thickest, and his favorite spot is his front porch."

So declared Maj. Horace Port, home from Leyte on rotational leave, who said the General's courage on all occasions is a continual inspiration to every man in his command.

## Santa Best Bet Was Fruit Cake to Men in C-B-I

C-B-I THEATER.—Troops in China were well-remembered by the folks at home during the Christmas holiday.

Army postoffices in China handled 24,861 sacks of holiday and routine mail in the period from the arrival of the first Christmas package up to midnight Christmas Eve, it was reported to Maj. Gen. Gilbert X. Cheves, Commanding General of Services and Supplies, China Theater, by Lt. Norman V. Dossett, the theater postal officer.

Some volume of gift boxes has been continuing to come over the "hump" since Christmas due in part to late mailing in the United States.

GIs reported fruit cakes were most popular item in holiday packages.

### Study in Time Off

HEADQUARTERS, Communication Zone, ETO.—Subscribing to the theory of one of their instructors that "good soldiers must prepare to become even better citizens," a large majority of the Negro troops of the 260th Quartermaster Battalion in France are spending many of their spare duty-free hours in class-room work.

## From Foxhole to West Point

WITH THE 84TH INFANTRY DIVISION IN GERMANY.—Pfc. Daniel Guyton, of Kosciusko, Miss., pulled his mud-covered feet out of his foxhole, waited a minute until the artillery lifted, and then, with a last look toward the enemy lines, he took off.

For him the war was over, at least for a couple of years. He was on his way to the United States Military Academy at West Point, after a month in the front lines.

Notified that he had been accepted by congressional appointment, Guyton will take a West Point preparatory course and enter the Academy in July next year.

## Nation's No. 1 Hero Pays Tribute to His Sergeant

WITH THE 7TH ARMY, France.—Capt. Maurice L. (Footsie) Britt, once a company commander with the 3d Division's 30th Infantry where he earned every valor award given by the United States and became the Nation's number one hero of World War II, will never be forgotten by his men. Likewise, he is not forgetting them.

In a recent communication received at the headquarters of the regiment, Captain Britt heaped lavish praise on M/Sgt. Robert M. Huntley, once Captain Britt's first sergeant and now in the United States on temporary duty. He was

described by the captain as "Leaving the comparative safety of the command post to make frequent trips to the foxholes in order to carry on his job more efficiently."

He went on to cite incidents of the sergeant's assuming unusual risks, in lauding the "leadership, personal bravery and untiring efforts" of Sergeant Huntley.

The sergeant, a veteran of eight years with the 30th, was almost constantly with Captain Britt, holder of the Medal of Honor, Distinguished Service Cross, Silver Star, Bronze Star, Purple Heart with three Oak Leaf Clusters and the Military Cross of the British Empire. A holder of the Purple Heart himself, the sergeant was with Captain Britt "in the comparative safety" of the command post when the CO had his arm blown off by a German tank shell.

### Prison for Thefts

CAMP EDWARDS, Mass.—Convicted by general court-martial of stealing two automobiles and breaking into a store in Falmouth, Pvt. Bishop E. Pressley was sentenced to 15 years and Pvt. Joseph F. Miller to 10 years, both at hard labor.

## Refrigerator Barges to Carry Ice Cream, Fruit, Vegetables

WASHINGTON.—With a new type refrigerator barge, the Army hopes to bring plenty of ice cream, fresh meats, fruits and vegetables to soldiers stationed on islands in the Southwest and Western Pacific.

The barge, operated by the Army Transportation Corps and costing \$1,120,000, is known as the BRL (Barge, Refrigerated, Large) and has a special unit which turns out 10 gallons of ice cream every seven minutes and an ice plant which manufactures five tons a day.

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the 12 blowers, which provide a complete change of arctic air every four minutes to all chill and freeze compartments.

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### Free Cigarettes

FORT DIX, N. J.—There are no cigarette worries for men in Tilton General Hospital who hail from certain upper counties in New York State. Patients notify the PRO, and names are sent on to a "good fellows" group, and fags follow.

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Love will fly if held too lightly,  
Love will die if held too tightly,  
Lightly . . . tightly . . . how do I know

Whether I'm killing you or letting you go.

In a lonely cell  
Sits Cpl. Marcissus;  
He forgot to sign  
Mr. & Mrs.

Overheard in the blackout:  
" . . . and furthermore, Cpl. that is not one of the Four Freedoms."

Her mind was like a bachelor's bed—never made up.

Note found on a girdle in a rubber collection: "I hope this makes Hitler as uncomfortable as I did me."

The yardbird says: "Our mess sergeant can really dish it out—but can't cook it."

He gave up liquor, wine and food.  
He never went to bed;  
He swore off smokes and women, too,  
He had to—he was dead!

On clothes she spends her tender  
Because this truth she's found,  
A dress can make a girl look slender  
And a hundred men look 'round.

No, Gwendolyn, a boycott is not a male davenport.

He married Helen;  
Hell ensued;  
He left Helen,  
Helen sued.

You kissed and told,  
But that's all right,  
The guy you told  
Called up last night.

Did you hear that all bad little Egyptian girls become mummies?

took her auto riding—she was a little angel and walked back,  
took her boat riding—she was a little angel and swam back,  
took her airplane riding—the little devil.

Lady Godiva was the world's greatest gambler. She put everything she had on a horse.

I must go down to the roaring sea.  
Where the winds blow strong and a Wave's no she,  
I must go down to the windy sea.  
You're darn right I must—they're sending me.

Women's styles have changed, but their designs are the same as ever.

A man is not old when his hair turns gray,  
A man is not old when his teeth start to decay,  
But he's well on his way to that last long sleep  
When his mind makes appointments his body can't keep.

Single men laugh at single men,  
Married men laugh at married men,  
Women laugh up their sleeves at both of them.

The student leaped upon his desk and without blash or bluster, proclaimed that Adam was the first to get an Oak Leaf Cluster.

**Has Foolproof Name**  
HARDING FIELD, La.—Determined that in the next war his son should not have Army payroll or other worries caused by name mix-ups, Sgt. George Vaughn has given his boy a name that's the same forwards or backwards, Vaughn J. Vaughn.

## What! No Mustard

WITH THE 96TH DIVISION IN THE PHILIPPINES.—Appetites aroused by monotonous GI diets, Doughboys of the 96th Division, hungrily awaited their first packages from home on Christmas Day. While envious buddies stood by, one of the soldiers eagerly opened his package. It was a beautifully packed can of Spam.

## Vast Areas of Homestead Land Available to Vets

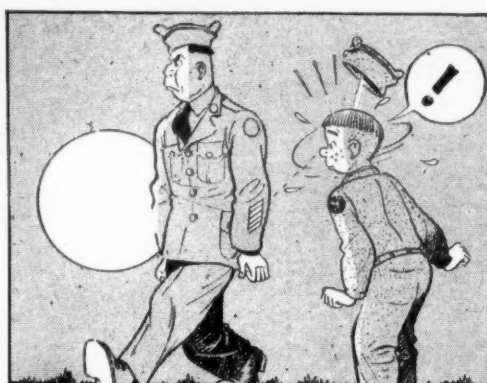
WASHINGTON.—The Federal government still has large areas of land available to veterans of World War II who may be interested in homesteading on government land. Large areas are available in the Far West and Southwest, smaller tracts in the Middle West and 2,000,000 acres in Alaska. Ownership of homesteads is based on three years of residence but honorably discharged soldiers may deduct from that three years what-

## Guests at Premiere

ASHEVILLE, N. C.—Col. Ulric N. James, commanding officer, and 200 overseas returnees at this redistribution station, were honor guests at the southern premiere of the motion picture, "Tomorrow the World."

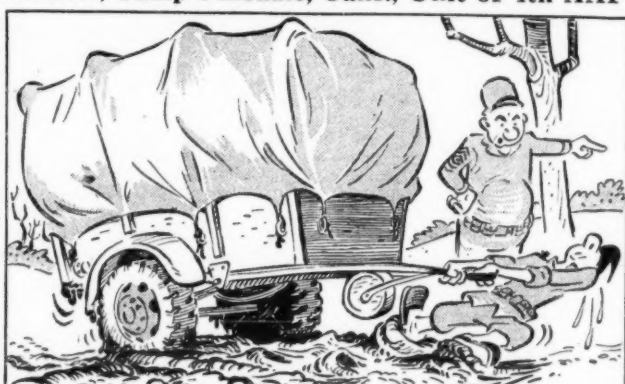
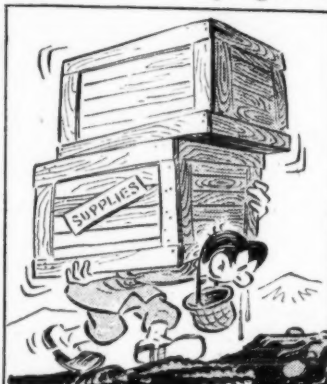
ever time they spent on active duty. Information on homesteads may be obtained from the General Land Office, Washington, D. C.

## Giggy



Cpl. Art Gates, Keesler Field, Miss.

By Sgt. P. Schuller, Camp Pinedale, Calif., Unit of 4th AAF



"Don't look at me, lady. I didn't do it."



"Do you think we can manage on sixty-six dollars again?"



## Book Notes

### Navies in Exile

By A. D. Divine. (E. P. Dutton, New York. \$2.75)

When the Nazi armies swept over Europe what happened to the conquered nations' navies? That is a question asked by many and answered for the first time in detail by Author Divine.

Old Sea Dog Divine tells the story of each navy before a background of the entire sea war. He relates the story of the re-birth and growth of each navy. He gives the book color and life by repeating exciting stories of individuals.

It is an excellent book, crammed with information presented in a very readable form.

### Unleash the Dogs of War

By Frederick Philip Stieff. (Robert M. McBride & Co., New York. \$2.50)

Man's best friend has unquestionably proved his value in war. The K-9 Corps is now an accepted part of our Army. In all theaters of war, dogs lend their specially trained eyes, ears and noses to sentries, medics, scouts and combat troops.

How lovable, gentle pets are turned into four-footed soldiers is told by Mr. Stieff. It is the story of one dog, Murky—an "excellent specimen, good mixture—Shepherd and Doberman, but much more Shepherd." Murky tells the story himself, of his halcyon civilian life at "Batch's Patch," the gruelling, repetitious training at Fort Royal (boot camp of the famous, decorated Chips), and combat. He and his Chesapeake Retriever pal survive a torpedoed, vie for the favors of a Doberman bitch, "help some" in the African invasion. Among other achievements, Murky alone wipes out a machine-gun nest.

The book ends on a happy note with Murky and his master reunited and invalided home, both with bum legs. Murky is "de-battle-ized" at Fort Royal, given an honorary discharge and returns to Batch's Patch, the envy of his 4-F four-footed friends and the ideal of the younger generation dreaming of becoming attack dogs.

Mr. Stieff writes of dogs with great understanding and sympathy yet without sentimentality. "Unleash the Dogs of War," is realistic, vivid and highly informative.

### QUIZ ANSWERS

(See "Army Quiz," page 8)

1. C. There are 7083 islands in the Philippine group.
2. Whether or not Germany will try to use robot bombs on the East Coast of United States.
3. Actually none. The word "typhoon" is used in the Pacific—really properly for a hurricane-like storm in the China Sea.

4. C.
5. The name as used by the British is a contraction of their action when the bombs alight: "Bob down and hope for the best."

6. Lt. Gen. Walter Krueger commands the 6th Army, now advancing on Manila. Lt. Gen. George C. Kenney, commands the Far Eastern Air Forces.

7. B. The President used the figure 52,000,000 in his budget message.

8. Such a man may have escaped, or may be at large in enemy territory. A letter addressed to him would inform the enemy that he was at large and might start a search for him.

9. C. Churchill said: "This will be regarded, I think, as an ever-famous American victory."

10. "The Hump" is a spur of the Himalayas separating Assam and Yunnan, over which large quantities of war supplies have been flown by American transports. "The Bulge," was the name popularly given to the territory recently regained by Germany, then retaken by the Allies, in recent operations on the Western front.

### French Army Grows

PARIS.—The French Army expects to attain a size of 1,200,000 men after three more classes have

"DIAPER SWIM" say Hollywood fashion gives you a preview of the "Roll Your Own" swim suit.

## ALL PRESENT OR ACCOUNTED FOR

Christmas arrived a little early at the 3d WAC Training Center at CAMP OGLETHORPE, Ga., but instead of being the traditional fat, jolly, good-natured, white-bearded "father," it came in the person of a young, small, brown-haired lady bearing the name Pvt. Dorothy C. Christmas.

A talented newcomer to the 2nd AAF B.U. at BOLLING FIELD, D. C., is Pvt. Bill Dwyer, cartoonist, who in civil life drew the "Dumb Dora" comic strip. Dwyer has worked in the Disney studios at Hollywood and is besieged with inquiries from interested GIs as to how the animated movies are made.

That musical genius doesn't run down through the generations is illustrated by the case of Cpl. Thomas A. Sousa, at LINCOLN FIELD, Neb., awaiting assignment to a combat crew who boasts that he himself can't read a note of music. He remembers his famous grandfather, John Philip Sousa, at one time known as "The March King" of America, but says that his talent apparently just didn't come down.

A sumptuous chicken dinner gratis, with the compliments of the management of a Columbus, Ga., restaurant, came to Cpl. Shelton Bridges, of Co. H, at FORT BENNING, Ga., and a buddy for being Johnny-on-the-spot when a sudden flare-up in the Christmas decorations threatened a serious fire. Bridges lost no time in grabbing a blazing candelabra, tossed it on the

floor and then beat out the flames with a grate broom standing nearby.

Anyone who looked closely at the cover of Colliers for December 23 last, depicting a scene on the Alcan highway with a huge totem pole and a GI truck standing in snowdrifts would have concluded that it was done on the spot. Really the picture was done by M/Sgt. Robert Held, C-101, IARTC, of CAMP MAXEY, Tex. Held hasn't wasted his time since he entered the Army since he has won several art contests, and also designed the cover for the June issue of Skyways. He is a grad of the School of Industrial Arts at his home in Philadelphia.

The first of a series of hobby talks recently inaugurated at ALEXANDRIA FIELD, La., was given by Cpl. Hans Hertzberg, of San Antonio, Tex., who is a celestial navigation instructor at the field, but was an anthropologist in civil life. It came out in Corporal Hertzberg's talk that he has examined over 3000 Indian skeletons in the course of his studies.

Just returned to FORT WARREN, Wyo., from a furlough, Pvt. Bill Warrenton is wondering whether there is anything prophetic in one of his experiences on the way back. Going into the depot to check on his berth reservations, he was informed by the ticket agent that the reservations had gone through. "What berth do I get?" he asked. The ticket man looked down at his records, then looked him over, and finally said: "Section Eight."

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## Plays in Hard Luck

CAMP ROBINSON, Ark.—Cpl. Robert M. Henderson, Co. D, 113th ITB, wearer of the Silver Star, Purple Heart and numerous other decorations, claims he should also have a medal as a "Hard Luck Soldier." After months of effort, he obtained a three-day pass, but within a few hours was taken in by MPs and stayed in the hoosegow for duration of his pass. Released with an apology that his arrest was due to "mistaken identity."

## Lucky Tumble Bring GI Valuable 'Pebbles'

SOMEWHERE IN BURMA.—Pvt. Olin S. Starkey, Ivanhoe, W. Va. made a find the other night when he fell on the sand of a beach during an operation.

As he got up two pebbles stuck to his hand. To relieve his thirst he put them in his mouth, and then kept them.

When he looked at the "pebbles" next morning he noted a glitter at the center of each. He had picked up two star sapphires.

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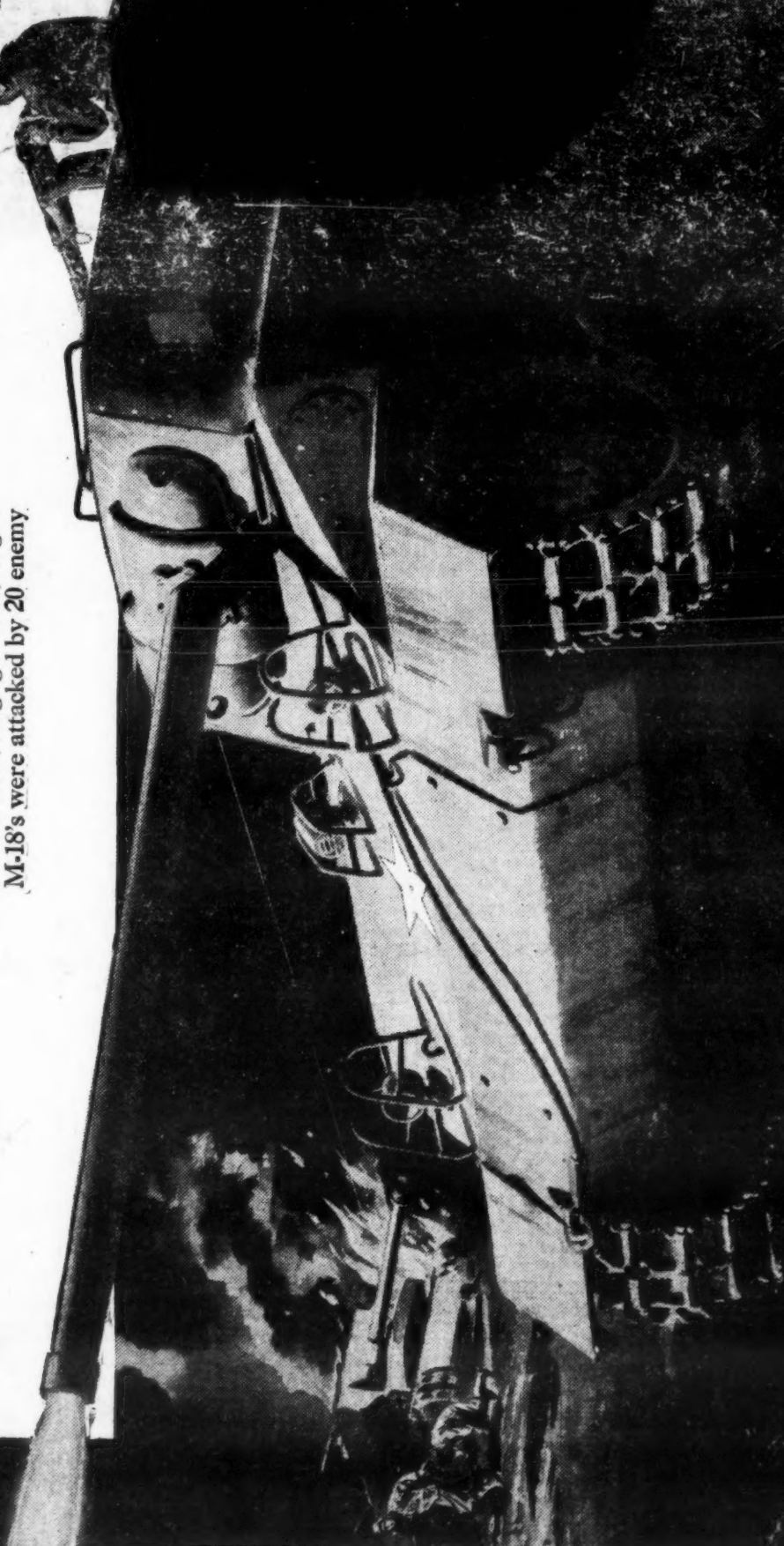
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